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Bay St. Louis resident 'Chops'
Williams has devoted his life to
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Krewe of Selene rolls in Diamondhead today

The Krewe of Selene Mardi Gras parade, originally scheduled for Feb. 8, will roll today in Diamondhead, beginning at 6 p.m.

Word of Faith 24th annual convention

The Word of Faith Christian Fellowship, 103 Old Spanish Trail, is inviting everyone to its 24th annual convention services, Friday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 22 at 6 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 23, at 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served following the Saturday and Sunday evening services. Guest speaker will be Rev. George Evans of Calif.

Turkey shoot planned for Raymond Pucheu

There will be a turkey shoot at the Lakeshore VFW on Saturday, Feb. 22, 11 a.m. until dark, with a 50/50 drawing to be held that day.

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Mississippi Forestry Commission crew members control a prescribed burn Thursday in a wooded area along Washington St. in Bay St. Louis.

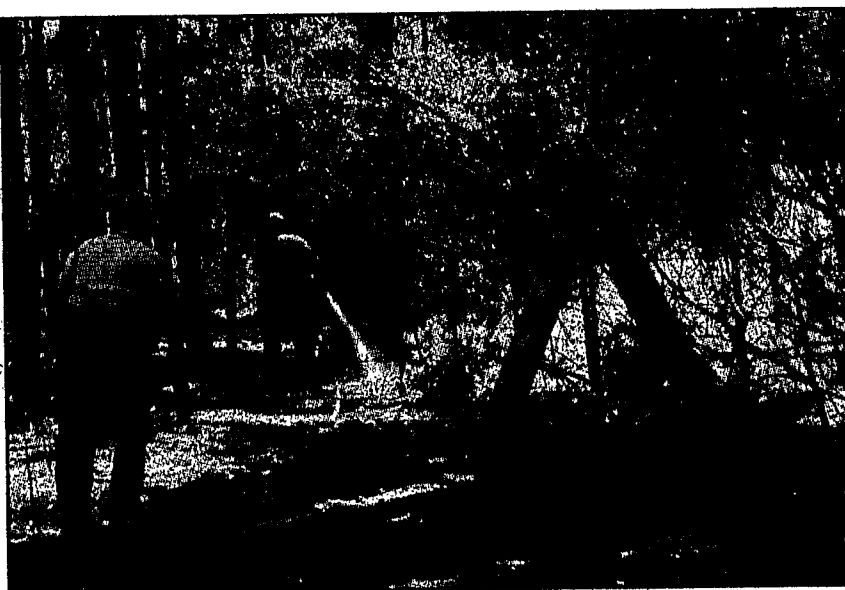
Forestry commission has the 'prescription' for keeping wildfires from devastating area

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Members of the Mississippi Forestry Commission performed a prescribed burn on

Thursday in a wooded area along Washington St. just North of Hwy. 90 at the request of the property owner. Participating in the burn were County Forester Mark Jamieson, crew chiefs Frank Delsied and Larry Hoda, crew member Pam Spencer and pilot Andy Compliment.

Prescribed burns are controlled burning of an area to



eliminate fuels such as pine needles and other dry brush from an area.

When an area is burned in a controlled setting it serves several purposes. By eliminating undergrowth wild fires can be

prevented and fires that do occur by accident can be better controlled.

It also serves to clear an area so that new vegetation can grow that can be used as food for wildlife.

McNeill convicted for Spiers murder

Judge sentences 'drifter' to life without parole in Shoreline Park killing

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

William Roger McNeill showed little emotion Thursday morning as Circuit Judge Jerry O. Terry sentenced him to life in prison without parole for the July 2000 murder of Sharon Gwynette Spiers.

"Good luck to you sir," Terry told McNeill after handing down the sentence.

A Hancock County jury found McNeill guilty late Thursday evening.

Spiers was found dead at her Shoreline Park home on July 5, 2000. She had been tied up and struck in the head with a blunt instrument. Pathologist Dr. Paul McGarry determined that she had bled to death from the wound.



McNeill

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Waveland police still looking for robbery suspect

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Waveland Police Chief James Varnell on Thursday released a surveillance camera photograph of the unidentified man who robbed the Waveland branch of the Whitney Bank on Tuesday. The robber simply



A surveillance photo of the man who robbed a Waveland bank.

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Competition heating up for 2003 county elections

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

As of Friday afternoon, a total of 40 candidates had qualified in Hancock County at the Circuit Clerk's office since Jan. 2, according to Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler.

Of the 40 to qualify thus far, one has withdrawn.

The deadline to qualify is less than two weeks away, March 1.

In district level races, where candidates file with their respective

state parties, all area incumbents are seeking re-election.

This past week, two more entered the race for the new position of justice court judge, district two, they were Julius A. Martin of Kiln and Jerry O. Heitzmann of Bay St. Louis. Earlier to qualify for the new judge's position were James A. (Jay) Lagasse, III and Adron Pouncey, Jr. Heitzmann, Lagasse and Pouncey are Democrats and Martin is Republican.

Two new faces appear in the race for board of supervisor, district one, they are Ralph L. West and G.W. Graham. They join incumbent Lonnie (Jeep) Ladner and David Yarborough for district two supervisor's position. Ladner, Yarborough and Graham are in the Democratic primary and West in the Republican primary.

Longtime coroner (medical examiner) Norma Stiglet is being challenged by Mary Odom, who quali-

fied this past week. Stiglet is Democrat while Odom is Republican.

A second challenger for incumbent tax assessor/collector Jimmie Ladner Jr, entered the race this week, Matthew (Matt) Burke, who is running as a Republican. Ladner and Lonnie A. Moore, who qualified earlier are Democrats.

Entering the race for the new

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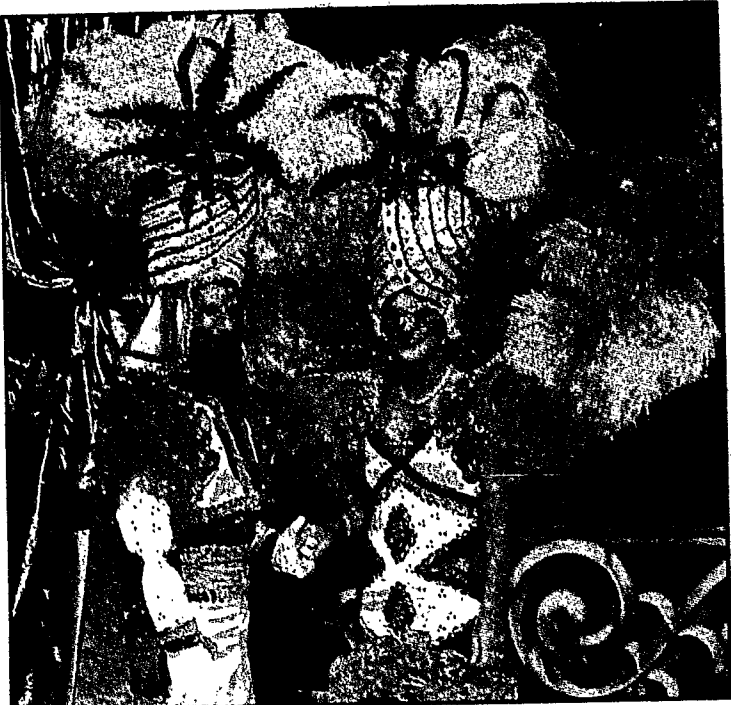
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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Feb. 7 to Feb. 14. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF REPORT

- Terry Anthony Fuller, 22, parole violation, simple possession, contempt of court, simple assault by threat, (warrant)
- David E. Bourgeois, 25, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant)
- Kelly Ann Galloway, 24, sentenced to restitution
- Tracy Westbrook, 37, animal cruelty, petit larceny, (warrant)
- Richard D. Breland, 31, simple assault
- Steven Paul Sandrock, 46, prescription forgery
- James P. Barr Jr., 28, possession with intent to distribute, possession of stolen property, (warrant)
- Schman P. Ladner Jr., 25, prescription forgery
- Chris Esta, 44, simple assault (domestic), disorderly conduct, resisting arrest
- Daniel Surbeck, 18, DUI (1st), improper U-turn
- Jean Delaney, 51, public drunk
- Jeffrey Daie Burroughs, 41, possession of paraphernalia, no proof of insurance, DUI (1st), careless driving, possession of controlled substance (meth)
- Troy Lowe, 31, DUI (2nd), one count felony bad check
- John A. Mitchell, 21, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant)
- Victoria L. Bird, 32, manufacturing of meth
- Bobby Stutts, 24, burglary, taking of motor vehicle, (warrant)
- Carl Fricke, 20, con-

tempt of court (failure to comply), (warrant)

- Jonathan C. Kenner, 20, DUI (3rd), careless driving, suspended driver's license

- Randy Dwayne Brackett, 47, DUI (2nd), refused test

- Catherine Anne Bernius, 20, driving on suspended driver's license, driving without lights when required

- Lisa Campbell, 36, disorderly conduct

- Curtis Loftin, 30, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest

- Harold Loftin, 28, disorderly conduct

- Eugene G. Oppman, 42, DUI (1st), careless driving, disregard to traffic device

- Jessica Brown, 24, public drunk

- Cathy S. Link, 45, public drunk

- Loretta Green, 32, public drunk

- Patrick Walker, 21, contempt of court, (warrant)

- James John Rowan, 27, possession of marijuana with intent, disorderly conduct (failure to obey), falsifying information

- Michael W. Grady, 42, public drunk, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct

- David J. Bourgeois, 47, public drunk

- Darrell W. Cooper, 44, DUI (1st), expired driver's license

- Ricky Shaw, 33, public drunk

- Christopher Edelman, 19, contempt of court, (warrant), possession of stolen property

- Christopher Cotton, 18, improper equipment, no driver's license, no seat belt

- Samuel E. Binder, 32, possession of stolen property

- Jose C. Guereido, 24,

possession of stolen auto, suspended driver's license, expired tag

- Shaniqua A. Williams, 21, no driver's license, contempt of court (failure to appear), no proof of insurance, careless driving, improper equipment

- Carey Necaise, 36, possession of controlled substance

- Kenneth W. Walling, 49, possession of marijuana while operating motor vehicle, hold for Arkansas

- Pamela Ricca, 45, disorderly conduct

- Jacqueline M. Kerley, 21, simple assault (domestic)

- Daniel Ray Chauvin, 23, simple assault (domestic)

- Stephen B. Beall, 30, no driver's license, DUI (other)

- Frank J. Peralta, 18, possession of paraphernalia

- Jennifer Sue Beech, 22, contempt of court (failure to appear)

- Timothy J. Newby, 23, simple assault (domestic)

- Dennis Leroy Lusk, 43, driving while driver's license suspended

- Jose Val Dovinos Madrigal, 37, no driver's license, driving without insurance

- Paul J. Landry, 28, disturbance of peace (fighting)

- Peter Alexis, 65, contempt of court, felony DUI, (warrant)

- Catherine Hampton, 45, sale of cocaine, possession with intent (cocaine, marijuana), sale of controlled substance

- Richard D. Schwartz, 32, simple assault (domestic)

- David H. Skinner, 38, driving while driver's license suspended, no proof of insurance

- Robert Mitchell, 37,

disturbance of peace

- Richard D. Coulter, 42, disturbance of peace

- Paul L. Shaw Jr., 42, disturbance of peace

- Darryl A. Steel, 49, DUI (1st) (other substance), possession while operating

- Jonathan J. Page, 18, public drunk, contributing to a minor

- Adam G. Randall, 19, DUI (2nd), no insurance, expired tag, driving while driver's license suspended

- Dennis N. Lauelle, 23, destroying county property, (warrant)

- Victoria Bird, 32, possession of controlled substance (meth pills), (warrant)

- Melvin Montgomery Jr., 22, careless driving

- Reggie Omar Jackson, 22, forgery

- Brandi L. Sims, 32, driving while driver's license suspended, implied consent, speeding

- Mark H. Davis Jr., 21, DUI (1st), suspended driver's license, no proof of insurance

- Hiram A. Blackwell, 31, public drunk

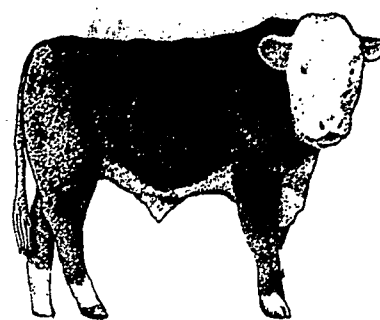
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Gulf Coast number two in nation for economic growth

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Among major tourism destinations nationally, Mississippi's Gulf Coast was the leader in economic growth for 2002, due in large part to the job expansion in its travel industry and military-related operations.

Research group Economy.com recently released a study of the nation's 310 major metropolitan areas, in which only 140 posted positive economic growth.

The national average was a negative 0.2%. Mississippi's Gulf Coast (the Gulfport, Biloxi, Pascagoula MSA) was number two on the growth list, with a 4.0% growth.

Michael Iswalt, associate economist at Economy.com, predicts further steady growth and says the Coast is "strongly going forward."

Stephen Richer, executive director of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau, agrees.

"The study by Economy.com confirms what our own research shows," Richer said. "Our Plog 2002 fourth quarter survey indicated an increase in customer satisfaction and long distance visitation. Both factors have set the pace for the Coast tourism market," he says.

According to Plog Research, a nationally recognized tourism research firm contracted with the convention & visitors bureau to provide a quarterly profile analysis of visitors to the Coast, almost 100% of fourth quarter visitors were satisfied and 96% were very satisfied.

"Only one person interviewed out of 450 was dissatisfied with the Coast experience. Visitors traveling to the Coast from more than 700 miles increased from 15% to 26% of the total sample.

Other results indicated

an increase in visitors who fly to the Coast from 14% to 20%. Overnight visitation to the Coast also increased from 72% to 81%. In conjunction with this economic

success, the Mississippi Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau was recently named the top destination marketing organization in Mississippi in 2002.

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The training takes place Tuesday, February 25, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., at the Depot, 1928 Depot Way, Bay St. Louis at the intersection

of Railroad Avenue & Union Street. Fee is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.

To register for this workshop, send your check (made payable to USM SBDC) to: The USM Small Business Development Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS, 39560. For more information, call The USM Small Business Development Center at 228-865-4578 or reply to this email.

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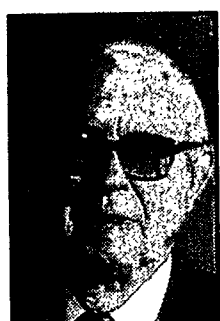
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Happy Mardi Gras

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's February Business After Hours will be sponsored by Bay City Grill and held from 5 to 7 p.m., 136 Blaize Avenue, across from the Bay St. Louis Depot.

It's Mardi Gras time and the After Hours will have a Mardi Gras theme.

It should be a 'swinging' party and a great time for folks to get together.

I understand that the Bay City Grill's owners Steve and Rebecca D'Angelo, Captain Richard Vincent and Una Vincent will be going all-out for this special After Hours.

Be sure to bring along a couple of business cards as there will be several door prizes.

The chamber's After Hours are becoming more and more popular and it is hoped there will be a large turnout for this special celebration.

It is a great time for old friends to renew friendships and also become acquainted with new friends.

Many folks have never had an opportunity to attend a Mardi Gras Ball and thus are not able to really see the real beauty of the costumes up close.

Carter Church of Bay St. Louis got his start in Mardi Gras costume designing some 45 years ago.

Church will once again have Mardi Gras costumes on display at the Hancock County Welcome Center on Interstate 10 for the public to view up close. Church has been designing costumes for such groups as the New Orleans Krewe of Iris for the past 41 years, as well as several others.

He has displays at such places as the New Orleans

Mardi Gras Museum, the River Town Mardi Gras Museum, and the Brennan's Restaurant at Disney World Fair, in addition to the Hancock Welcome Center.

So, if you want to view costumes made by a pro, why not stop by the Hancock County Welcome Center and see the work of a master.

I plan again to visit the Welcome Center and check them out again this Mardi Gras season.

Congratulations are in order for Brian Adams, who has been selected by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to serve as Fire Coordinator/Civil Defense Director for the county.

Adams will take his new position on Monday, which is really a new position in the county, as the Fire Coordinator and Civil Defense Director is now going to be one position.

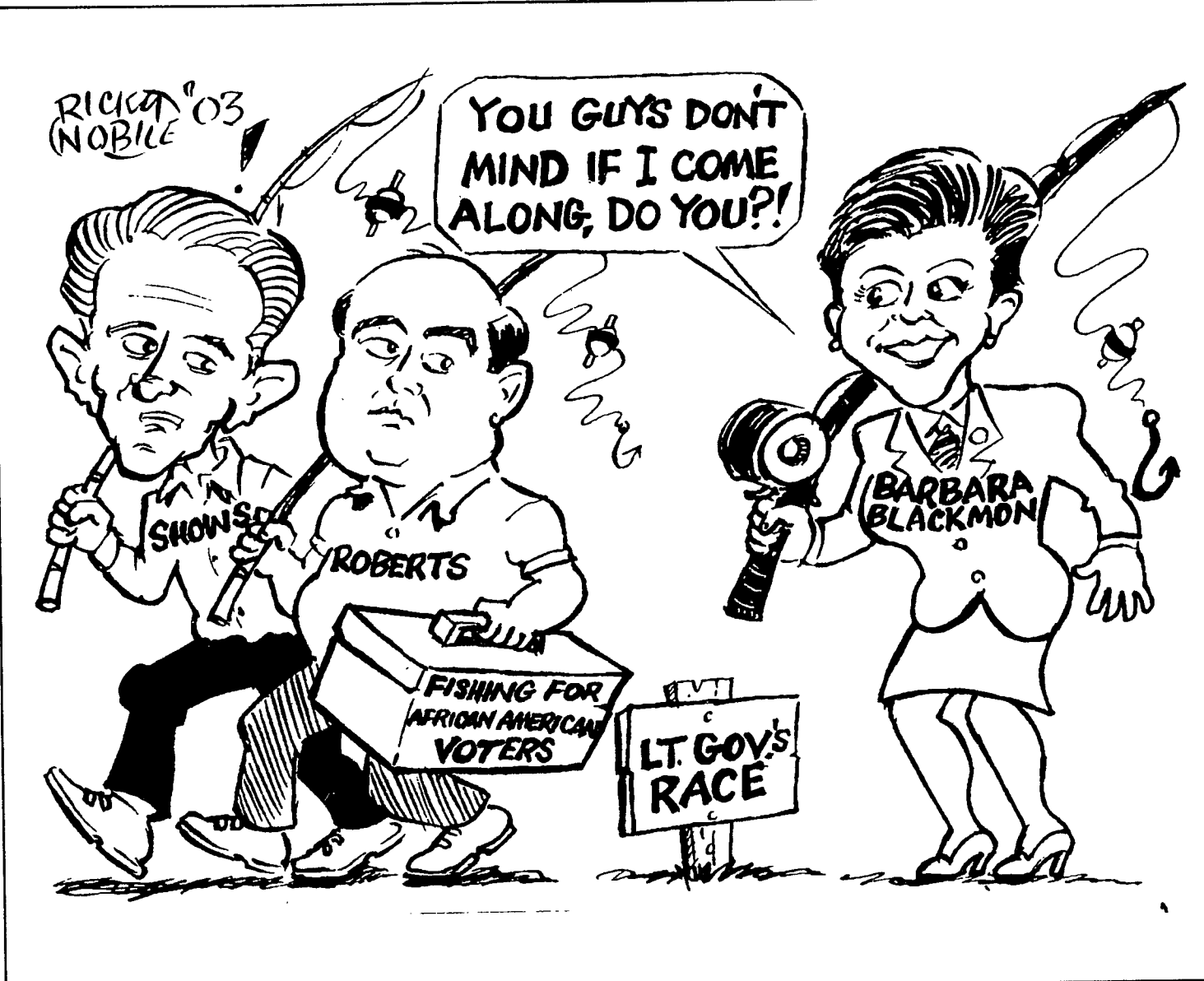
Adams has 18 years of experience in fire fighting. He is certified in many areas such as training, inspections and investigations.

A native of Bay St. Louis, Adams and his wife Laura are the parents of three children.

The office for Fire Coordinator/Civil Defense Director will be located in the old CD office located on Ulman Avenue next to the Library.

The position came open with the recent retirement of Fire Coordinator Richard Pate and former CD director Lynette Carbon, who has moved to the position of Safety Coordinator/Inventory Control Clerk.

Best of luck to Pate in his retirement and also to Carbon in her new position.



Examining War, Peace and Righteousness

As America ponders the thought of expanding the War on Terrorism to Iraq, we should heed the words of the first American to win the Nobel Peace Prize,

and a great President. Theodore Roosevelt once said that peace is not the ultimate goal, but righteousness. He knew that peace with the unrighteous is a faux peace - a cheap imitation based on the hollow promise of dictators and the blind trust of them by naive people who want to avoid conflict at any cost. Roosevelt understood that America's long-standing moral standards of freedom, equality and basic human rights could never be sacrificed in favor of a flimsy, fleeting peace with tyrants.

As in Roosevelt's time, today we face the same questions of peace and war. Yet, the weaponry and threats of today are far more lethal than those which he faced. Recently, before members of the United Nations (UN) Security Council, Secretary of State Colin Powell presented a compelling, irrefutable case for the possible use of force to disarm Saddam Hussein's Iraq and stop the dictator's quest to stockpile and use weapons of mass destruction.

Secretary Powell chronicled Iraq's longstanding disregard for United Nations resolutions. He revealed intercepted conversations among Iraqi leaders which speak of their efforts to hide weapons.

He told of efforts by Iraqi officials to destroy documentation pertaining to Iraq's weapons programs. Secretary Powell showed reconnaissance photos picturing Iraqi crews scurrying to hide items from UN inspectors. He even talked of how Saddam is just one ingredient away from making a nuclear bomb, and how Saddam already has chemical and biological weapons along with the technology to deliver them

through water systems or through the air we breathe.

If all that were not enough to cause concern, the Secretary documented meetings between high-level Iraqi officials and members of Usama bin Laden's terrorist network, lending even more concern about the clear links between Saddam, bin Laden and terrorism.

He talked of mutual training efforts between the two camps and Saddam's admiration of the terrorist attacks on Americans, such as the attack on the USS Cole and the bombings of our embassy in Kenya.

With all this coupled with what is believed to be a new Usama bin Laden tape urging Iraq to resist the

world community, it should now be clear to even the most critical skeptic that any conflict with Iraq is not a new conflict at all, but a continuation of a War on Terror which began shortly after September 11, 2001, when 3,000 innocent people were killed on American soil.

Of course, Saddam and bin Laden are two very different men - the former a secular ruler who cares only for himself, the latter a religious zealot with a perverse, extremist interpretation of Islam.

However, they both share similar views of the world. They hate freedom.

They hate democracy. They have no tolerance for those with whom they disagree. They kill without hesitation or delineation between combatants and innocent civilians. They want to destroy America, and every free society which does not share their view. To accomplish this they need nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The only thing standing between Saddam, Usama and their horrific scheme is the principled stance of nations like the United States, Britain and a growing host of countries which

have condemned Saddam Hussein and his clearly unrighteous regime.

As always there are people in the world, and a few in our own country, who strangely think Theodore Roosevelt's vision of righteousness and unrighteousness is simplistic, outdated and even arrogant. They believe there is no such thing as right and wrong, good and evil, righteousness or unrighteousness.

They see no difference between America and Iraq, between democracy and totalitarianism.

To them righteousness and unrighteousness are subjective - to be defined by each individual person, not by God, or by a rule-of-law

backed by a constitution. Some seem perfectly content with allowing Saddam Hussein to impose his views on a captive and oppressed Iraqi people, and maybe even the world - as long as there is short-term peace.

Well, I don't know about you, but I'll take Roosevelt's world view over theirs any day.

America's goal should never be temporary peace at any price, but enduring righteousness regardless of cost.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

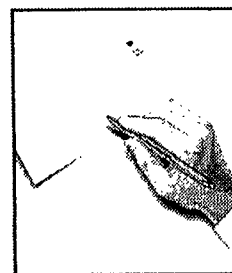


From the Senate
By U.S. Sen. Trent Lott

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Kudos: Public smoke ban was the right thing to do

To the Editor:
Kudos to the Mississippi State Senate for putting the health of Mississippians first and passing Senate Bill 2648. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Deborah Dawkins, bans smoking in most enclosed - public places, including government buildings and restaurants. This is not an individual rights issue; it's about the health and safety of all of us - smokers and non-smokers alike. Secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death, killing 53,000 non-smokers each year. If a non-smoking waiter works the smoking sec-

tion of his restaurant for eight hours, his exposure to secondhand smoke is equivalent to smoking eight cigarettes. I personally find that appalling!

I urge the House of Representatives to support Senate Bill 2648. More than 80 percent of Mississippians do not smoke - that's a large market for a smoke-free environment. Call your state representative at 601-359-3376 today and ask them to support the bill and make our public places safer for everyone.

Jessie Coker
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position of constable, district two this week was Carl N. Berry, Sr. Two others, Ray Seal and Ernest Taylor qualified earlier. All three are in the Democratic primary.

Two races which still appear to be creating the biggest interest in Hancock County appear to be Superintendent of Education and Sheriff.

The Hancock County Superintendent of Education race has four candidates to qualify. Only qualified electors residing in the county school district vote in this race.

Superintendent of Education Mike Ladner is being challenged by former superintendents Terrell Randolph and Myrna Bourgeois in addition to administrator David Kopf.

Ladner, Bourgeois and Kopf are running in the Democratic primary and Randolph in the Republican primary.

In the sheriff's race incumbent Steve Garber faces the challenge of five term Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, who was edged by Garber in a close race in the 1999 Democratic primary, in addition to Bay St. Louis Chief of Detectives Thomas J. (Tom) Burleson in addition to Bay St. Louis Patrolman Richard (Rick) Fayard. Garber, Peterson and Burleson are Democrats and Fayard is a Republican.

The primary elections will be held on August 5, with August 26 set as the second primary (run-off) date. The qualifying deadline is March 1, (which was extended from February 28 recently) and that includes candidates for primary elections in August and Independent candidates whose will be in the November general election.

The list as the local candidates qualified include:

- Pamela Thomas Metzler* - circuit clerk.
- Jimmie Ladner, Jr.* - tax-assessor/collector.
- Timothy A. (Tim) Kellar* - chancery clerk.
- Myrna L. Bourgeois* - superintendent of education.
- Steve Seymour* - board of supervisor, district four.
- Jay Cuevas* - board of supervisor, district five.
- Lyonie (Jeep) Ladner Sr.* - board of supervisor, district one.
- Roderick (Rocky) Pullman* - board of supervisor, district two.
- Steve Garber - sheriff*.
- Phillip A. Pavolini* - constable, district one.
- Lisa L. Cowand** - board of supervisor, district three.
- Eric Moran, Sr.* - constable, district three.

- James A. (Jay) Lagasse, III* - justice court judge, district two.
- Ray Seal* - constable, district two.
- Ronald A. (Ronnie) Peterson* - sheriff.
- Mike Ladner* - county superintendent of education.
- Norma Stiglet* - coroner (medical examiner).
- Wayne Whitney* - board of supervisor, district four.
- Bobby Glover** - board of supervisor, district four.
- Richard (Rick) Fayard** - sheriff.
- David Yarborough* - board of supervisor, district one.
- Terrell Randolph** - county superintendent of education.
- Terry Necaise* - constable, district one.
- Ernest Taylor* - constable, district two.
- Tommy Carver, Sr.* - justice court judge, district three.
- Ricky Adam* - justice court judge, district one.
- David Kopf* - county superintendent of education.
- Thomas J. (Tom) Burleson* - sheriff.
- E. Marvin Thompson** - board of supervisor, district five.
- Kurt A. Necaise** - constable, district three.
- Lonnie A. Moore* - tax assessor/collector.
- Adron Pouncey, Jr.* - justice court judge, district two.
- Carl N. Berry, Sr.* - constable, district two.
- Julius A. Martin** - justice court judge, district two.
- Ralph L. West** - supervisor, district one.
- Jerry O. Heitzmann* - justice court judge, district two.
- Mary Odom** - coroner (medical examiner).
- G.W. Graham* - supervisor, district one.
- Matthew (Matt) Burke** - tax assessor/collector.

- State Representative, District 93
- Dirk D. Dedeaux* - State Representative, District 95
- Linda Johnson* - State Representative, District 121
- Diane C. Peranich* - State Representative, District 122
- J.P. Compretta* - State Senate, District 46
- Scottie Cuevas* - State Representative, District 121
- Harry B. Ward** - State Representative, District 122

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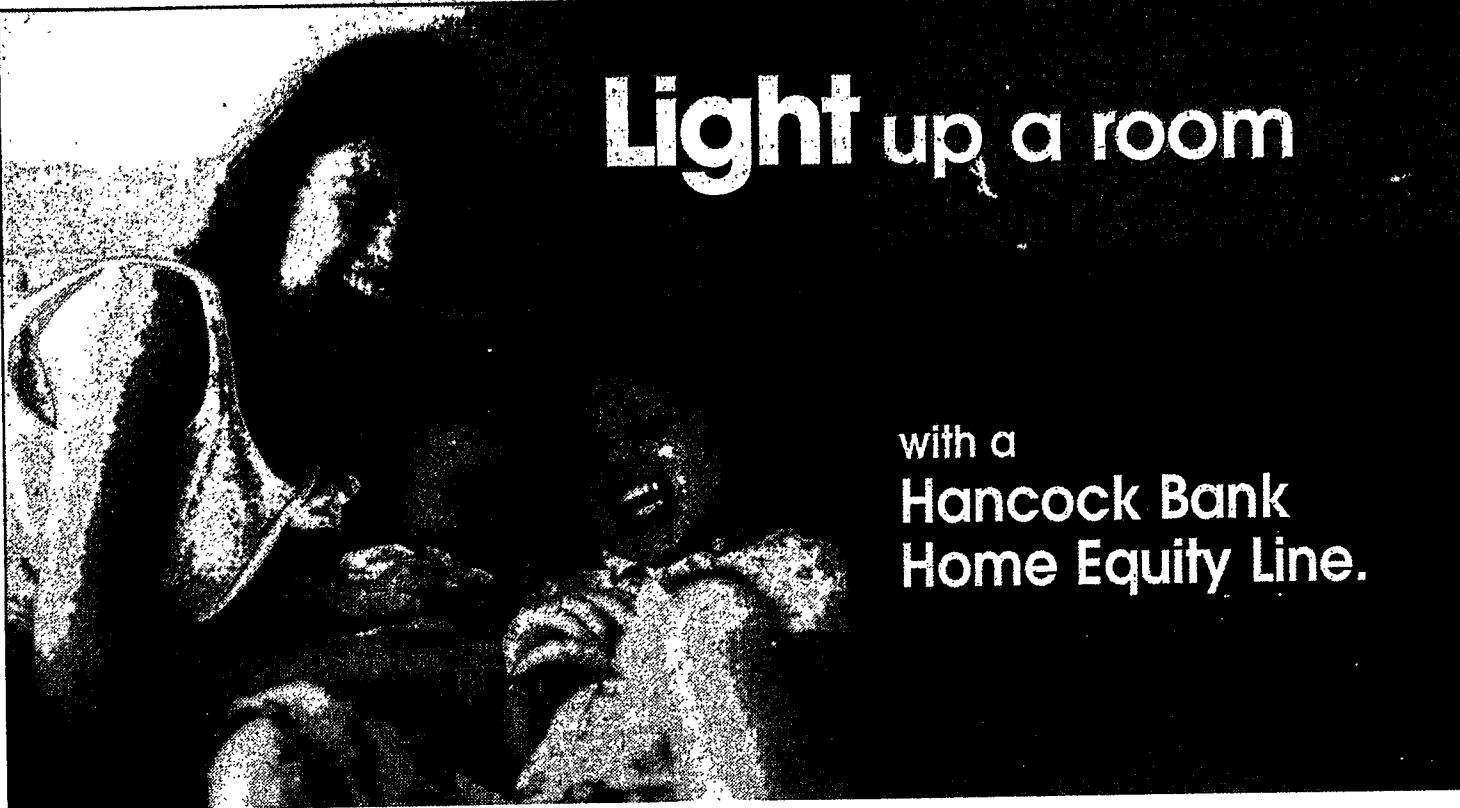
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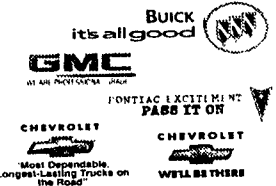
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DR. E.T. RIEMANN JR.
SOPHIE TRUDEAU
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ROY BOURGEOIS
 Roy R. Bourgeois, 79, died Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003. Mr. Bourgeois was a native of Waveland and a graduate of S.J. Peters High School. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army and of WWII.

He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews and grandnieces and grand-nephews.

Services were held Saturday at Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Lake Lawn Park Mausoleum in New Orleans.

VERNELL BOURGEOIS
 Vernell Bourgeois, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Bourgeois was a native and lifelong resident of Waveland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Benedict Bourgeois; her parents, Edgar and Selena Bourgeois; a sister, Emelda Wilt; and a grandson, Thomas Bourgeois.

Survivors include three sons, Lionel, Louis and Charles Bourgeois of Waveland; a daughter, Diane Perkins of Waveland; a sister, Anna Mae Oliver of Arcadia, Texas; 12 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

Visitation will be held today at Reimann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis from 6 to 10 p.m. with a rosary at 7 p.m. Services will be held Monday, Feb. 17, at Reimann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis at 9 a.m. Burial will follow at Waveland City Cemetery. Reimann Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



JOE BURROW JR.
 Joe "Billy" Burrow Jr., 66, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Burrow was a native of Gulfport and a lifelong resident of Hancock County. He was of the Methodist faith and a member of Main

Street Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. He was a Past Member of the J.C.'s, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, and various other organizations. He worked in the banking industry for 14 years at Merchants Bank and Gulf National Bank. He was owner and operator of Burrow's Dry Cleaners in Bay St. Louis for 30 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe B. and Lisa Erwin Burrow Sr.; and a brother, Carlton Gary Burrow.

Survivors include his wife, Darling Normand Burrow of Kiln; and three sisters, Barbara Ann Burrow Stubbs of Beaumont, Texas, Lyndel Doleac of Orlando, Fla., and Deborah Joel Burrow.

Services were held Thursday at Main Street Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial followed at Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 6358, Gulfport, MS 39506, or American Lung Association of MS, P.O. Box 2178, Ridgeland, MS 39158 or a charity of one's choice.

VONCILE CRAWFORD

Voncile Clayton Crawford, 56, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003 in Pass Christian.

Ms. Crawford was a native of Mississippi and a member of Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Delisle. She worked as a bus driver for the Pass Christian School District and as a cafeteria worker for over 20 years, and worked at the Chevron Gas Station in Pass Christian.

She was preceded in death by a son, Otis Crawford; a brother, Billy Moore; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include her parents, Bolivar Moore and Iva Lee Clayton Moore of Indianola; six sons, William Wallace Crawford, Mitchell Leon Crawford and Nathan Buster Crawford, Courtney Dwayne Crawford, and Derrick Demond Crawford, all of Gulfport and Jimmy Dale Crawford of Long Beach; four daughters, Rose Marie Crawford of Gulfport, Florence Crawford of Prentiss, Debbi Crawford Carter and Cherrel Crawford Drones, both of Pass Christian; six sisters, Joe Anne Moore Davis, Willie Mae Moore, Diane Moore Williams, Iva Dean Moore, Beverly Moore Hudson and Sadie Moore Coleman, all of Indianola; four brothers, Bolivar Junior Moore, Alexander Moore, Willie James Moore and Dale Lamarse Moore, all of Indianola; 18 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at St. Mark United Methodist Church in Gulfport. Burial was held in St. Stephen's Cemetery in Delisle.

Lockett-Williams' Mortuary Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

CATHERINE FITZMAURICE

Catherine Guarisco Fitzmaurice, 94, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, in Kiln.

Mrs. Fitzmaurice was a native of New Orleans and moved to Manderville, La., 12 years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edmond Harnett Fitzmaurice; her parents, Loretta Kelly and Frank B. Guarisco; and two brothers, John B. Guarisco and Vincent C. Guarisco.

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son, Edmond H. Fitzmaurice; brother, Frank B. Guarisco Jr.; grandchildren, Edmond H. Fitzmaurice III, Kelly P. Fitzmaurice, Brian L. Fitzmaurice, Shannon F. Lovell, Kerryn F. Liebkemann and Colleen F. Arceneaux; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are private. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM GOFF

William H. Goff, a resident of Gulfport, MS died Tuesday, February 11, 2003 in Gulfport at age of 95.

Mr. Goff was a native of Escatawpa, and a longtime resident of Gulfport. He retired from the telephone company after 45 years of service. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Gulfport since 1937. He was also a member of the Gulfport Masonic Lodge #422 F&AM and Telephone Pioneer of America.

His wife, Olive E. Goff, a daughter, Dorothy Engle, one sister, Thelma Ethel Jackson, and two brothers, Willie Motley and Grafton Gates, precedes him in death. A son, William Joe Goff and his wife Myrtle of Pass Christian, a sister, Margaret Delacrois, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive him.

Visitation was held Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home, 1718 25th Avenue in Gulfport. Masonic graveside rites followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Gulfport. The family prefers memorial contributions to Baptist Children's Village, P.O. Box 27, Clinton, MS 39060.

Riemann Funeral Home, Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

RACHEL HAWKINS

Rachel B. "Tutta" Hawkins, 82, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, in Waveland.

Mrs. Hawkins was a native of Calhoun, Ala. She was a member of the Church of the Living God and Mother of the Church, where she was president of the Women Work. She was a member of the usher board and teacher of the YPPU and superintendent of Sunday school.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hubert Slater and Phillis James; stepfather, Albert James; a son, Burlin Hawkins; a brother, Willie Smith; and a sister, Rosalee Smith.

Survivors include five sons, Gary, Lionel, Leroy and Leo Hawkins, all of Waveland, and Charles Hawkins of West Point; six daughters, Carol Bolling, Norita Henry, Cleo Willis and Terry Johnson, all of Waveland, Zenobia Wright of New Orleans, and Cernel Cooper of Phoenix, Ariz.; two brothers, Allen James of Waveland and Alex Gillum of Louisiana; two sisters, Bettye Clark of Mobile, Ala., and Phillis James of Tennessee; 34 grandchildren; 47 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at Mount Chapel Baptist Church in Waveland. Burial was held in Waveland Cemetery.

ANH HUYNH

Anh Ngoc Huynh, 55, died Friday, Feb. 7, 2003. He was employed as a commercial fisherman.

Survivors include his wife, Lang Dang of Pass Christian; a son, Phong Huynh of Pass Christian; two daughters, Hong Huynh of Dallas and Phuong Huynh of Pass

Christian and Kieu Huynh of Pass Christian.

Services were held last Sunday at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

ROY JOHNSON

Roy Victor Johnson, 86, died Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2003, in Bay St. Louis, MS.

He was a native of New Orleans, LA and a resident of Waveland, MS for the past 12 years. He was of the Catholic faith. He retired after serving 24 years in the United States Marine Corps as a Master Sergeant during World War II and the Korean War where he received the Purple Heart and the Silver Star. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve Association Branch #162, Gretna, LA, Moose Lodge in New Orleans, Irish Marching Club, New Orleans, VFW both local and #14000, American Legion #206, West Wego, LA. He attended Christ Episcopal Church, Bay St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Craft Johnson; parents, Richard and Dorette Buras Johnson; a brother, Raymond Johnson.

Survivors include his beloved longtime companion, Kathryn Dupre of Waveland, MS; three daughters, Betty Ann Vidal of Waveland, June Marie Simmons of Pearl, MS, and Vickie Lee Johnson of Atlanta, GA; Kathryn's children, Barbara Durovich of Waveland, Jerome V. Dupre of New Orleans, LA, and Advice Yvett Stille of Kenner, LA; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A visitation will be held this afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m., followed by a Memorial Service at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis. Interment will be private.

The family prefers donations to the American Cancer Society, 182-A DeBuys Road, Biloxi, MS 39531-4402.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home, Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

RUBY PARKER

Ruby J. Parker, 84, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003, in Gulfport.

Ms. Parker was a homemaker and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include four daughters, Margie Parker of McHenry, Joyce Parker Rhodes of Bay St. Louis, June Parker Martinez and Karen Parker, both of McHenry; two sisters, Pearl Hungerford of Woolmarket and Jewel Harris of D'Iberville; 13 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at Wolf River Cemetery in Saucier.

DR. E.T. RIEMANN JR.

Dr. E.T. Riemann, Jr. age 80, died Thursday Feb. 13, 2003 in Gulfport. He was born July 28, 1922 in Gulfport. After college and service in the military as a Captain in the Army Medical Corps, Dr. Riemann returned home to practice medicine and raise his family.

He graduated from Gulfport Public Schools at 15 years of age, the University of Mississippi at 18, and the University of Tennessee Medical School at the age of 21. At that time, he was the youngest graduate of the University of Tennessee Medical School. Dr. Riemann retired from his family medical practice in 1987 after a 40-year career in medicine. He served as secretary/treasurer of the Memorial Hospital Medical and Dental Staff in

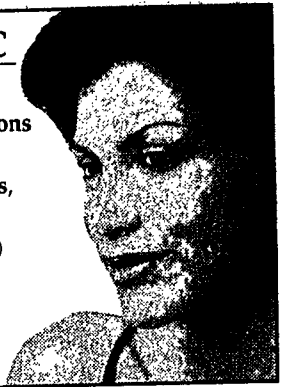
1953 and as Chief of Staff in 1960-61. Dr. Riemann was a Charter Fellow of the American Academy of Family Practitioners, a member of the Southeastern Surgical Conference, a member of the Coast Counties Medical Society, and received a Golden Graduate Award from the University of Tennessee. He was a past

president and board member for the United Way Helpline and was actively involved with the Alzheimer's Association. He spent countless hours working with Feed My Sheep and served as director and board member of this organization. During his tenure, Feed My Sheep was recog-

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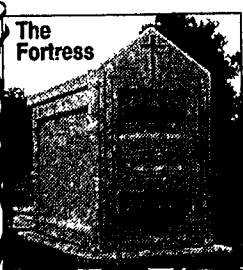
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A decorated general, a wireless pioneer, and a leader of the regional Fed' will headline this year's 37th annual Hancock Bank Gulf Coast Economic Symposium, "Lighting the Course to Economic Opportunity," next Wednesday, February 19, 2003, from 7:45 a.m. until noon at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum Convention Center (Hallway D).

During the 2003 symposium, Brigadier General Michael W. Peterson, commander of the 81st Training Wing at Keesler Air Force Base, Catherine Allen, regional customer operations director for Cingular Wireless, and Dave Dennis, chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta - New Orleans branch, will spotlight the business, industry, military, and educational partnerships which help the Mississippi Gulf Coast retain its identity as an economic engine and a destination of choice.

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A limited number of reservations to attend the symposium are still available through the Hancock Bank corporate marketing office (phone 228-871-6348 or e-mail symposium@hancockbank.com).

Brigadier General Michael W. Peterson entered the United States Air Force in 1974 as a distinguished graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi ROTC program. Serving on the Joint Staff, Peterson advised the Joint



GENERAL PETERSON

Chiefs of Staff chairman on military satellite communications issues.

With a bachelor's degree in mathematics, master's degree in telecommunications, and extensive education and international leadership experience in strategic communications technology, commanded a space operations group and held major commands as director of communications and information at Ramstein Air Base in Germany and, later, at Virginia's Langley Air Force Base.

Assuming his current post at Keesler in 2002, he oversees technical training in electronics, avionics, computer, personnel, and information management career fields for officers, airmen, and civilians of the U. S. Air Force, Air National Guard, and other Department of Defense agencies. The general's decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service, Meritorious Service (four oak leaf cluster), Joint Service Commendation, and Air Force Commendation (four oak leaf cluster) awards.

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Additionally, she manages a Cingular Wireless customer relationship team of approximately 700 employees who assist in retaining the company's national status as a principal mobile voice and data communications provider serving more than 22 million customers across the United States. Since relocating to the Mississippi Coast from New Orleans in 2001, Allen has become a strong advocate for Gulf Coast economic development through her civic and business leadership, including positions as director of the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce and director of the United Way for Jackson and George counties.

Dave Dennis is president of Specialty Contractors & Associates, Inc., a Gulfport commercial and industrial subcontractor named the Coast's 1995 Business of the Year. Appointed by the Federal Reserve Board of



DAVE DENNIS

Governors in 2001 to the New Orleans Federal Reserve board as the region's business community representative, Dennis was elected chairman of the New Orleans board in December 2002.

One of The Sun-Herald's inaugural 2002 Top 10 Community Leaders, Auburn University graduate Dennis holds a considerable record of outstanding community and industry leadership, including service as Mississippi Coast Chamber of Commerce chairman, Gulf Coast Economic Council president, Walter Anderson Museum of Art chairman, Business and Industry Political Education Committee (BIPEC) state chairman, Salute to Business and Industry chairman, Coast Coliseum Commission president pro tempore, and Coast Electric Power Association advisory board member.

Dennis, the Mississippi Economic Development Council's 2000 Volunteer of the Year and Southern Economic Development Council's National Volunteer of the Year, serves as St. James school board president and is a 15-year youth league volunteer coach.

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PRCC president to speak at chamber breakfast

The Membership Services Committee and the Education Committee of the Hancock Chamber are working together to bring members and interested citizens an informative program through the February Coffee Call.

The event, which will be held on Wednesday, February 26 at Second Street Elementary in Bay St. Louis from 7:45am-9am, features Dr. William Lewis, President of Pearl River Community College.

Dr. Lewis will present information on the partnership between PRCC and Hancock County for Education & Workforce Development in Hancock County.

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SPORTS

4 area basketball teams headed to South State

BY: JOSEPH W. GEX, II
Staff Writer

The #6-ranked St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws and the #2-ranked Lady Tigers of Bay High won the Division 8 Class 4A tournament title on Friday, February 14 in Vancleave.

The Rocks avoided a late charge by the Pass Christian Pirates 46-39 while the Lady Tigers blew the Gautier Lady Gators out of the water 80-45.

In the Lady Tigers game, the result was never in doubt as Bay High jumped out to a 17-6 first period. By halftime the lead increased to 40-19.

The Lady Tigers played an aggressive defensive game keyed by Stephanie Reed's 8 steals and Carmen Labat's 7 picked pockets.

Lady Tigers head coach Debbie Triplett commented, "Tonight, we had a very solid team effort. Offensively, we were able to get some transition baskets from the turnovers that we created. Our defense allowed us to create more things on offense tonight. The players know what they are playing for and they are on a mission. We stressed the importance of winning this game so that we would have the opportunity to play at home on Monday evening." The players responded.

The Lady Tigers (30-1) were led by Carmen Labat with 24 points, 7 steals, and 5 assists. Stephanie Reed added 16 points, 8 steals, and 5 assists. Lamonica James scored 15 points and Kendra Reed added 12 points in the win.

The All-Division players for the Lady Tigers were Stephanie Reed, Kendra Reed, Lamonica James, Carmen Labat, and Felicia Thomas.

The Most Outstanding Player for Division 8 Class 4A was Kendra Reed. Carmen Labat was named the division's Most Outstanding Offensive Player while Stephanie Reed was crowned the division's Most Outstanding Defensive Player. Debbie Triplett was chosen as Coach of the Year.

The night before the Lady Tigers disposed of the Lady Warriors 76-24 to advance to the finals.

The Missy Gators defeated the Lady Pirates of Pass Christian 50-35 in semifinal action. The All-Division selections for the Lady Pirates were Deanna Ladner and Charlela Melancon.

The Rocks held on after a late charge by the Pass Christian Pirates for the 46-39 decision and their second consecutive division title.

SSC (28-4) battled the Pirates for a 12-11 lead at the end of the first period. In the opening stanza, there were eight different lead changes along with balanced scoring from the starting lineups.

The Pirates were held to just 5 points in the second period and Mario Faranda came alive as he scored six points to lead the Rocks on a 9-0 run to end the half. The Rocks took a 23-16 lead into intermission.

A basket by Maurice Hardnett and a charity shot by Chad Musgrove was all the offense that the Pirates could come up with in the third period. Pass Christian coach Buddy Kennedy stated, "We scored 5 points in the second and 3 points in the third. That doomed us. SSC backed up and dared us to shoot it and couldn't hit a shot. The

Rocks play a man-to-man defense a lot. When they went to a zone, it didn't surprise us because we had played against zone defenses during the year. However, tonight we were not successful against it."

Rob Murray and Darius Acker both hit three pointers in the period but Brett Amond was the catalyst in the second half with his spark from the bench. He scored four points at the end of the period that put the Rocks up 35-19 heading into the final period.

Chad Musgrove and the Pirates clawed their way back into the game in the final period. The Pirates cut the SSC lead to 39-32 by the 2:12 mark with a three-pointer. However, Rob Murray scored four quick points and Gabe Willis and Darius Acker ran the motion offense and time off the clock to help eliminate a Pass Christian comeback.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner commented, "We played well up until the point where we got into a mode where we played a 'try not to lose the game' mindset. We have good ball handlers in the backcourt but we ended up turning the ball over a few times. Brett Amond was a catalyst for us tonight. He was a unsung hero of the game."

Mario Faranda led the Rocks with 12 points while Musgrove led the Pirates with 17 points.

The All-Division selections from SSC were Gabe Willis and Mario Faranda while the Pirates added Rueben Nichols, Chad Musgrove, and Billy Crawford. Bay High named Marquez Singleton, Lorenzo Lewis, and George Easley to the squad.

The Most Outstanding player in Division 8 Class 4A was Pass Christian's Garland Stewart. Darius Acker of SSC was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player while Maurice Hardnett was chosen as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player. SSC's Jay Ladner was named Coach of the Year.

The Rocks defeated

Gautier 66-37 on Thursday evening and Vancleave 74-37 to advance to the finals.

The Pirates defeated the Bay High Tigers 58-50 on Thursday evening to set up the final matchup.

The Lady Tigers will be in action against the loser of the Terry/South Pike matchup on Monday, February 17 at 7pm at the Wilmer Seymour Gymnasium.

The Pirates will travel to the winner of the Brookhaven/Raymond game on Tuesday, February 18 while the Rocks will host the loser of that game at 7pm in the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium.

The Lady Hawks claimed the Division 5-5A basketball championship with a convincing 85-50 win over Hattiesburg Friday night at Hancock High School.

Coach Pam Slayton's team jumped out to a 23-8 lead after the first quarter, built their advantage to 47-19 at half-time and then opened the second half with an 8-0 run and coasted home for the victory.

Devin Necaise had a game-high 23 points for the

Lady Hawks. Brooke Necaise added 18 points and Ashley Boehnel scored 11.

Hancock will host the Ocean Springs Lady Greyhounds Monday night at 7 p.m. in the opening round of the South State Tournament.

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Bond of friendship crosses many barriers

BY RON CROSBY

It has been said that music is an international language of its own. It may also be said that a simple act of kindness may be a close cousin to music, in that it crosses many barriers and borders, regardless of race, color or creed and in the end can cement the bonds for a lifelong friendship.

Such a case began to unfold at the beginning of the fall semester at St. Stanislaus. It involved two sophomores, Patrick Donohoe, a native of Bay St. Louis and Elias Alam, who hails from Merida, Mexico. Donohoe, the son of Tim Donohoe and Marcia Stewart, went out of his way to help Alam around campus and soon the two became fast friends. Alam spoke very little English, but that was not such a problem because Donohoe knew enough Spanish to help with a smooth transition into American life.

Alam's reputation of being one of Mexico's top young soccer players preceded his arrival, but Donohoe never let that fact influence his actions one way or the other. He just liked the young Mexican and was there for him whenever he needed help. Soon the two were inseparable, especially when soccer season started. The rest is history, as both started for one of the most powerful soccer teams to ever play along the Gulf Coast. Under the guidance of head coach Andy Kivlan, the Rockachaws finished with an incredible 24-2-1 record and the State 4-A Championship.

Both sophomores, along with perhaps the most valuable player in Mississippi in the form of teammate Peter Doty, made up such a formidable front line of attack that they left their opponents in the dust even on a rainy day.

And above all the hoopla of the championship, there still was the common bond of friendship and respect that permeated throughout the team. "Pat's a good kid and he saw that Elias needed a friend being so far from home," said Kivlan. "Pat just took him under his wing. I noticed that this team had so much camaraderie. They all got along so well and just meshed together. They've been playing together for years and then Elias just blended in with them. He didn't skip a beat. He stayed focused and got real close. That's good for a kid to do when he's

from out of town, especially so far away, to be able to latch on to somebody local to give him so sort of family atmosphere while he's here."

"I know how he feels because I was born and raised in the Bronx and then went to college in Lafayette, Louisiana," added Kivlan. "I kind of hooked up with a couple of guys who were from around there and got that family experience while I was away from home."

Sharing common experiences has helped Alam bond with his coach. If for no other reason, Alam and Kivlan had the same goal for St. Stanislaus, and that was a championship.

"He's hard, but he's a good coach," said Alam. "I told coach that we had a good team, and he told me that we did and we could win the championship. On the day of the big game, nobody was nervous and everybody smiled and was relaxed. We knew we had to win just one more game. We won it for our school, for coach, for our families and ourselves."

Asked what Alam would remember about his sophomore year at St. Stanislaus, he replied: "This was my first year in another country, I learned another language and my school won a championship."

Alam also spoke of his friendship with Pat.

"When I first came here, I



PAT DONOHOE, LEFT AND ELIAS ALAM

couldn't speak English, just Spanish," said Alam. "Pat was the first to welcome me everyday and would pick me up and take me to the field for soccer practice. Even his parents paid attention and cared for me. This summer I hope Pat can go with me to my home in Merida."

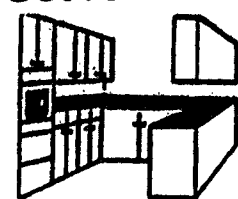
"I'm definitely looking forward to it," responded Donohoe. "I'm looking forward to seeing his parents again. I met them when they first came here. Coach Kivlan asked me to help out with some of the new boarders and that's when I met him. I've never really been a

friend with an international student. Elias and I got along well because we have a common interest, and that's soccer."

The other common bonds are trust and respect for one another that grew from a simple act of kindness.

It is safe to say that no one can predict the future, but it may be that the friendship that began last fall between two unsuspecting students may last for a lifetime. The fact that this may be contagious within the student body bodes well for the faculty and staff at St. Stanislaus.

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Hancock Middle School Lady Hawks defeat Bay

The Hancock Middle School Lady Hawk basketball team defeated the Bay Middle School Lady Tigers 37-36 to claim the Gulf Coast Big Ten Conference Championship. The Lady Hawks, with an impressive 18-2 record, were led in scoring by Mason Fullerton and Shondrea Lee with 10 points each. Dana Haas followed with 7 points, while Rosalind Ladner added 6. Nicole Zulli and Randa Lee rounded out the scores with two each. Bay Middle School Lady Tigers were led by Kanisha Montgomery with 13 points, while Tamara Reed added 10. Champaign Rosemond and Sarah Favre contributed 9 and 2 points respectively. This was the third time these teams met, and the Hancock Middle School Lady Hawks were victorious all three games.

Davis wins Horizon Award

Kayleigh Davis won the Horizon Award for girls soccer at Bay High School. The award was presented at the recent fall athletes banquet.

Obituaries

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nized as a "Points of Light" by former president George Bush. Dr. Riemann was the recipient of the 1997 Hardy Award from Rotary International for Citizen of the Year and was presented the 1998 Donald Evans Sutter Award in recognition of outstanding contributions to Memorial Hospital's mission for "Building a Healthier Community."

Dr. Riemann was a Charter member of Trinity United Methodist Church. He was devoted to the mission of his church and served in many leadership and lay capacities over the years. "...but, you O'Lord, have pity on me and raise me up. That you love me I know...you sustain me and let me stand before you forever." Psalm 41 verses 10 - 13. Today, Dr. Riemann stands proudly before his lord as he did here on earth. Reunited in eternity with family and friends who have gone before him, he patiently waits for those who will follow.

His family and friends will miss his unrestrained love; but he will be remembered for his love of life, quick wit, and willingness to go the extra step for those he loved so much and many others whose path crossed his and he supported in their time of need.

Dr. Riemann was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Ruth Riemann; a sister, Gloria Riemann; and a brother, Robert M. "Bob" Riemann. Survivors include his wife, Doris Walker Riemann; a daughter, Sandra Weinberg; a son, Ted (Karen) Riemann, III; a sister, Kit (Joe) Steinwinder; four grandchildren, Scott Weinberg, Chris Weinberg, Craig Weinberg, and Morgan Riemann; and two great grandchildren, Kayla Weinberg and Tucker Weinberg.

Services were held Saturday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Gulfport. Interment was held in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens and Mausoleum in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to The Trinity United Methodist Church, 5007 Lawson Avenue, Gulfport, Mississippi 39507 or Feed My Sheep, 2608 17th Street, Gulfport, Mississippi 39501.

Riemann Funeral Home 25th Avenue, Gulfport, was in charge of arrangements.

SOPHIE TRUDEAU

Sophie Mary Trudeau, 75, died Monday, Feb. 10, 2003, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Trudeau was a native of Canada and a longtime resident of the

Gulf Coast. She was an executive secretary, retired from International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 624, and was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orville N. Trudeau; a son, David Maurice Brooks; two sisters, Francis O'Donnell and Mary Ann Robertson; and two brothers, Jimmy Fox and Victor Fox.

Survivors include three sons, Michael Anthony Trudeau of Pass Christian, John St. Jude Trudeau of

Tunica and Michael O'Donnell of Chicago; four daughters, Barbara Nasca of Rochester, N.Y., Valli Ann Trudeau of Pass Christian, Trudi T. Bourne of Long Beach and Delia O'Donnell of Chicago; a brother, McKenzie Fox of Chicago; a sister, Clara Trudeau of Canada; 12 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian. Burial was held in St. Paul Catholic Church Cemetery. Riemann Funeral Home,

25th Avenue in Gulfport, was in charge of arrangements.

GARY WRIGHT

Gary Wayne Wright, 55, died Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003 in Slidell, La.

Mr. Wright was a native of Union County, Pa., and a resident of Slidell, La. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of Ridge Memorial Baptist Church in Slidell.

He was preceded in death by his father, P.D. Wright.

Survivors include his daughter, Patricia Ann

Wright of Somerville, N.J.; his mother, Bettie Mae Adams Wright of Bay St. Louis; Kathleen Montz of Spring, Texas; a brother, Ricky L. Wright of Bay St. Louis; and one grandchild.

Services were held Saturday at the Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

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Guilty

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Officers of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department arrested McNeill, the day after Spiers' murder on unrelated check forgery charges. They quickly learned, however, that McNeill had lived with the victim. Investigators said they had met through a "circle of friends," and Spiers had invited him to live in her home because he had nowhere else to go.

McNeill was held without bond until Dec. 2000, when DNA evidence came back from the state crime lab at Jackson, apparently linking him to the crime.

At the time, investigators described then-47-year-old McNeill as a "drifter," a Tennessee native who had spent several years in prison on two prior felony convictions.

He was convicted of second degree burglary in the state of Washington on Dec. 13, 1974 and sentenced to 15 years in prison, but received early parole on

May 2, 1977. In October of that year, he was sentenced to 20 years in Parchman on a charge of armed robbery in Gulfport. There was a resentencing in Feb. 1984, during which he was sentenced to nine years, 11 months; and at that same hearing, was sentenced to 10 years for the crime of robbery by assault.

Because of those convictions, Assistant District Attorney Chris Schmidt on Friday asked the judge to sentence McNeill as an habitual offender, without possibility of parole.

Schmidt was unavailable for comment after the sentencing Friday.

Court-appointed defense attorney Todd N. Thriffley said he plans to file an appeal brief in the case.

"I believe the jury verdict was contrary to the evidence, ..." Thriffley said Friday. "I just think the prosecution did not prove the elements of murder beyond a reasonable doubt."

Suspect

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walked into the bank Tuesday and "threatened to blow up the bank with a bomb if the teller did not give him the cash," Varnell said last week.

The man escaped with an undisclosed amount of money and drove away from the scene, heading east on Hwy. 90 in an "older model black station wagon," Varnell said.

The suspect was described as "a white male, approximately 5'10, 195 pounds, dressed all in black, with black hat and dark sunglasses."

There is still no indication whether Tuesday's robbery was in any way con-

nected to a November 2002 hold-up that occurred at the Waveland branch of the Hancock Bank - just on the other side of the parking lot from the Whitney.

In that robbery, an unidentified white man in a hat and dark glasses walked up to a teller and, according to Varnell, "produced what could have appeared to be a bomb and asked for the teller's money."

Anyone with information in either of the cases is urged to call the Waveland Police Department at 467-3669 or the FBI at 864-6131.

Kiln baseball sign-ups

THE SEA COAST ECHO
Kiln athletic Association sets the following registration dates for 2003 Dixie Youth Baseball and Dixie Girls Softball to be held at the ballfield on Hwy 43: Tuesday, February 18 from 6 to 8 PM; Saturday, February 22 from 9 AM to 5

PM; and Thursday February 27 from 6 to 8 PM. Registration is open for ages 4 and up (exception for boys age 4-please call).

Average cost is \$50 (varies by age & sex). Call Dane Jaynes @ 255-7331 or Tim Cameron @ 255-4304 for more information.

Babe Ruth Baseball registration begins

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth League will conduct baseball registration for children ages 4-12 at the Bay baseball complex on Athletic Dr. Times are Feb. 18, 20, 26 and 27, 5:30-8 p.m. each evening. Call Kevin at 255-2997 or Ronnie at 466-9375

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Champions sale thrills first-timers, last-timers

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FROM LINDA
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Excitement is always in the air for young livestock exhibitors who qualify for the Dixie National Sale of Junior Champions, which culminates the annual market animal show each February.

For 34 years, the sale has brought out the best in 4-H and FFA exhibitors and in philanthropic buyers who bid generously to reward some of the state's most responsible youth. This year, 35 market animals brought a total of \$183,663. The eight steers averaged \$9,268, the 12 hogs averaged \$4,985, the 13 lambs averaged \$3,343, and the two goats averaged \$3,123.

For two of the sale's youngest participants and first-timers, qualifying for the sale was just one more enjoyable part of a fun show season.

Alex Sullivan, an 8-year-old from Mize, was almost giddy in anticipation of taking her 1,269-pound steer into the sale ring. The young 4-Her is following in her two brothers' footsteps in livestock competition and jointly owned the champion steer with her brother, Joey, who was not able to attend the sale.

"I've had fun this year whether I won or not, but it's a lot more fun when you win," she said. "I enjoy showing hogs more than steers."

Also taking part in her first sale was 9-year-old Meagan Rousseau of Magnolia. She has learned a lot since attending her first local livestock event with her pet Pygmy goat, which is not a livestock breed for competition.

Jill Rousseau said she expects her daughter to continue competing after her luck with her first Boer goat, Larry.

"This was her first year in 4-H, and she seems to have a knack for it (livestock competition)," she said. "She has raised this goat on her own because we (her parents) know nothing about goats. Parting with the goat after the sale will be hard, too, but that is also part of the learning process."

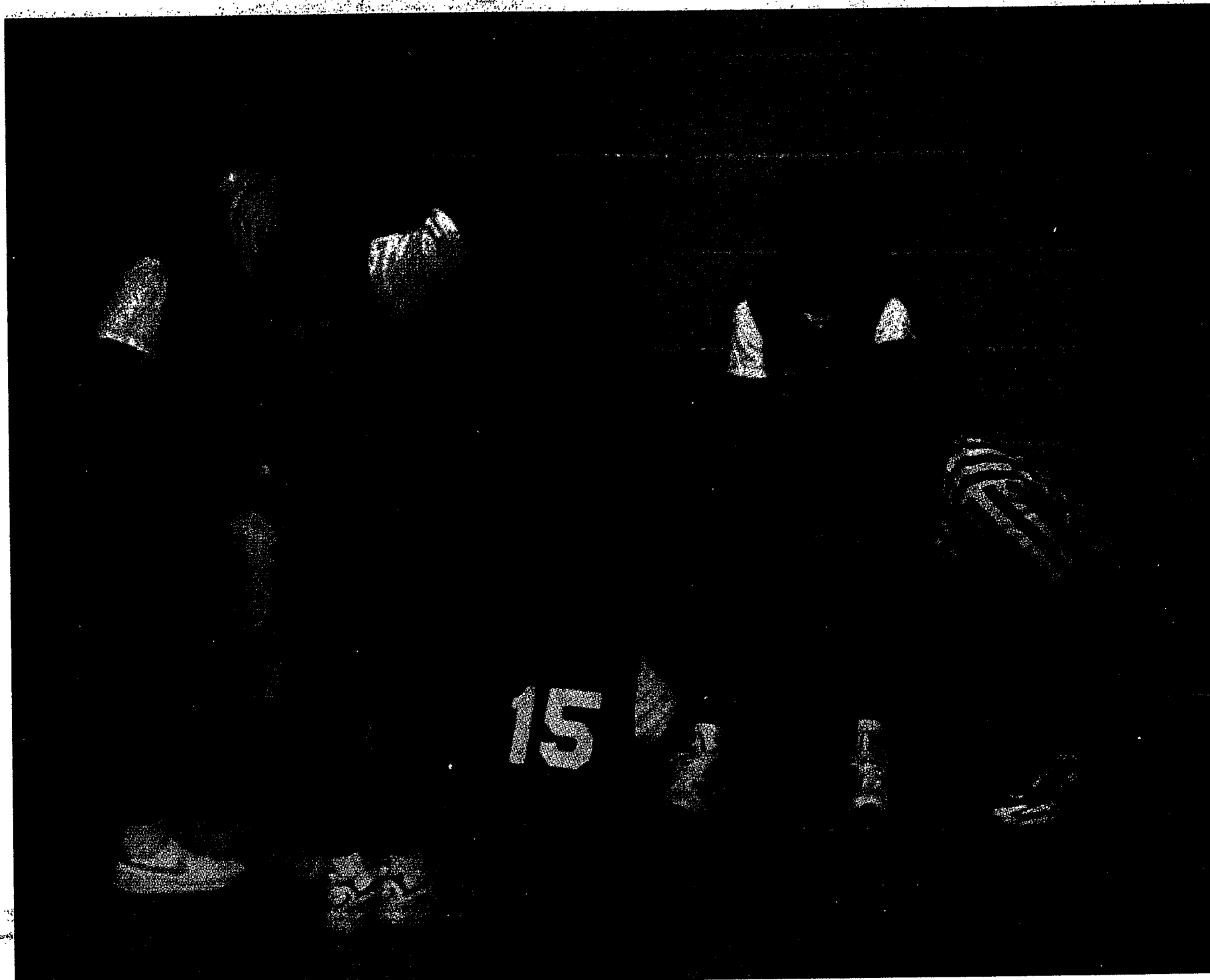
Laura Ganzerla of Raymond made her sixth trip with a lamb to the Sale of Junior Champions this year. She has advice for exhibitors like Sullivan and Rousseau.

"You have to work very hard to make it back to the sale, but it's always a very rewarding experience," Ganzerla said.

Gale Chrestman, 4-H livestock specialist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service, said buyers and other donors go the extra mile to reward the youth

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'Chops' is Tops



Coach Robert "Chops" Williams coaches a game at Valena C. Jones gym on a typical Saturday. Games go from early morning till mid-evening on Saturdays, beginning with the younger teams and moving up to teen games later in the day.

Bay man devotes his life to helping children

BY BENNIE
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Staff Writer

The story of Robert "Chops" Williams is a story of inspiration. As the second oldest child in a family of 16 kids, it is also a

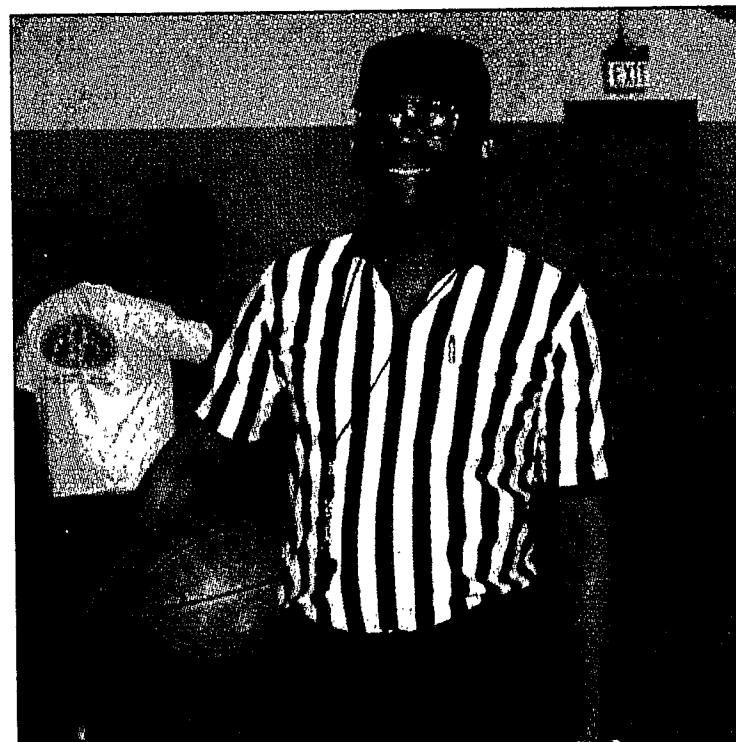
story of hard work at a time when work meant chopping wood, hauling coal from the chute at Bookter St. and toting kerosene daily. He worked as a gardener for the nuns at St. Rose de Lima to help pay his tuition there.

Now, and for the past 15 years, Williams has devoted his time to

inspiring other kids. That is, in between working two jobs, one at Stennis Space Center and at night at Alcan Cable, raising two of his four grandchildren and being a good husband to his wife of many years Mary Ann.

Williams is well-known in the community for his dedication to a sports program at the old Valena C. Jones gym. This season there are 240 plus kids on 21 teams. Every day except Sunday, the gym is filled with kids from ages 6 to 17 who are playing basketball, but who are learning so much

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"Chops" Williams at the Valena C. Jones gym. Williams has organized sports teams for kids for the past 15 years. This season 240 kids play on 21 teams.

Exploring the mysteries of 'Tides and the Sands'

One of the nice aspects of our winters is the low winter tide.

At these times, you can walk far out into the Mississippi Sound, sensing as you do the mysteries of a land that only a few hours earlier had been covered by water. It would seem,

there should be wreckage about, a hulk of a sunken boat or anchor. But there, not and I love to walk with Jennie across these still damp expanses and see the outstretching mystery of the newly exposed land.

These broad tidal flats have their existence due



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
laviolette@mail.datasync.com

to the sound being so shallow. It doesn't take much of a tidal change to expose the broad shoals we find so common in winter. I say it's the tide, but it's more involved than that. If you have a moment, I would like to talk today about our tides. Relax and listen, it's an interesting story.

We all know that most

of the phenomena we call the tide is caused by the moon. However in our region, the phenomena does not change in phase with the moon as one would intuitively think. The reason is a little complicated, but bear with me for a brief moment. The moon as it passes over the earth changes the gravitational pull working on the

water and the water tries to slide under the moon and pile up. But, inevitably there is a stretch of land in the way and the slippage is blocked.

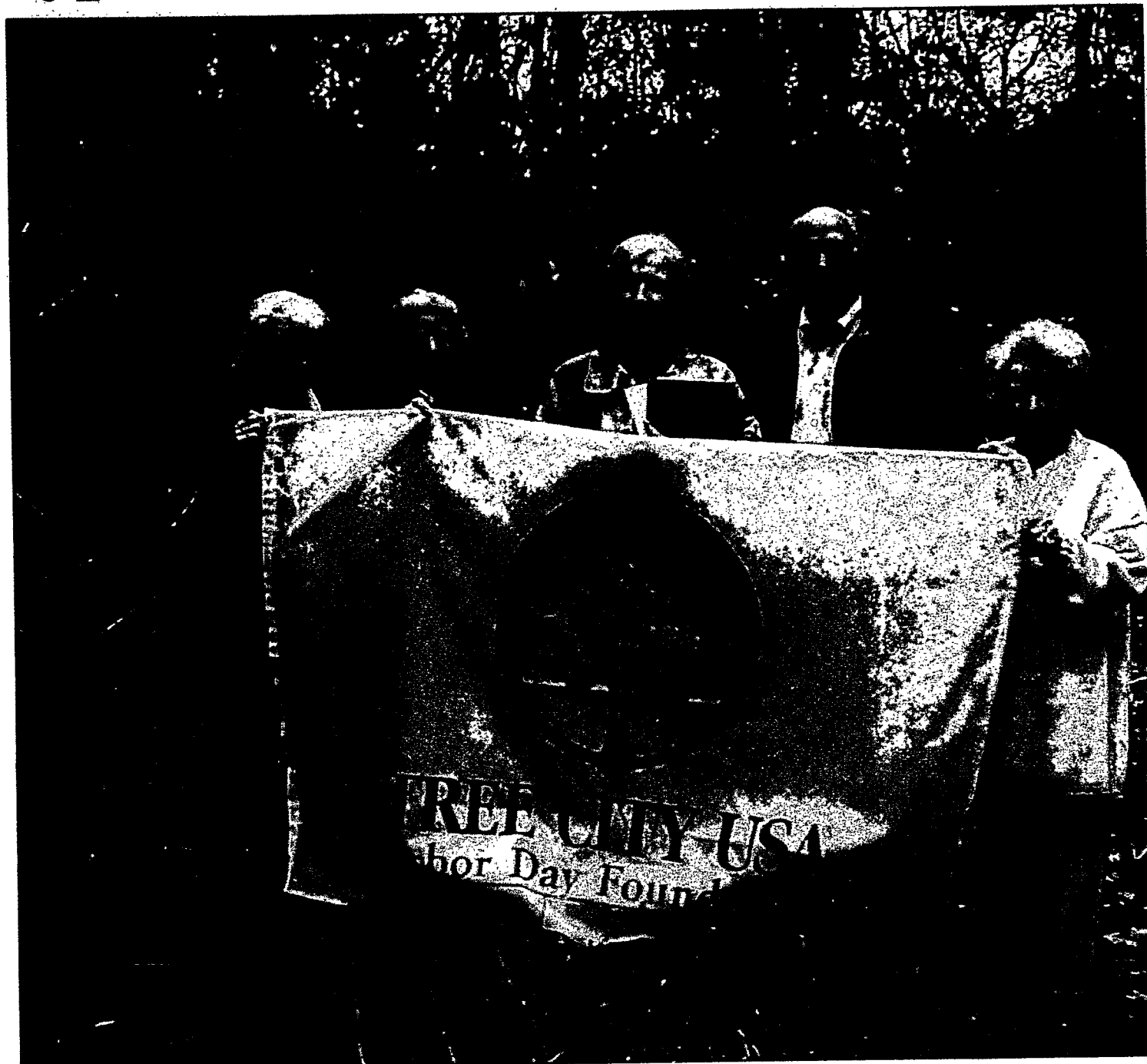
Think of that land as being like the sides of the bathtub you played in when you were young. You pushed the water and, hitting the sides, the water started to slosh back and forth in the tub in a definite rhythm. You could stop pushing and the water would continue to slosh back and forth till the energy of your initial push was dissipated. The rhythmic sloshing you see is caused by the shape of

the tub, like the different resonating of each of the different size pipes in a church's organ. The rhythm sloshing is directly related to the shape of your bathtub!

In the Mississippi Sound, the shape of the sound is our bathtub and the pull of the moon is the hand that sets the rhythmic sloshing or tide in motion. In fact, this shape creates tides in the Mississippi Sound that are different from those on the east coast. Here, our tides are diurnal tides. That is, they make a complete cycle from low

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Arboretum, Pass Garden Club plant cypress tree in memory of members



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins

The trustees of the William Bartram Arboretum and the Pass Christian Garden Club held a ceremony Feb. 14 in memory of three deceased members for Arbor Day. Over 20 people attended the event, which was highlighted with the planting of a cypress tree. Those members being remembered included Cecile Clement, Catherine Griffon and Margaret Wittmann Weston. Trustee Helen Davis was the mistress of ceremony. Also attending the event were Peggy Johnson, Pass Christian Community Development and Code officer; Todd Mathews, Mississippi State Forestry Commission (who presented a Tree City USA plaque to the club); Jeffrey Taylor, representative for the Pass Christian Tree Board; Margie Hutto, chairperson of Historic Trails - Garden Clubs of Mississippi Inc.; Lewie Merrill, co-chairperson of Clower Thornton Nature Area - Garden Clubs of Mississippi Inc. Keenan Nursery donated the tree. Pictured above from left are trustees Margie Walle, Mary Catherine Ward, Warren Griffon, Helen Davis, Rod Clement and Jean Moreland.

Sen. Cochran announces funding for state in Omnibus Appropriations Bill

The Senate and House conferees have approved the fiscal year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations conference report which includes funding for important programs and projects in Mississippi. Senator Thad Cochran (R-MS) announced today.

"This legislation funds projects and programs throughout the state," said Cochran, who is a member of the Appropriations panel. "It provides disaster aid to farmers and funding for health and education programs. In addition, the bill funds economic development, transportation and public safety programs."

A major victory for farmers was won with the approval of \$3.1 billion to help compensate for weather-related damages to crops and livestock farms.

Funding in the amount of \$6.8 million was provided for public safety programs administered by several local and state law enforcement agencies.

A wide variety of research programs at colleges and universities in the state are funded in the bill in the total amount of \$15 million.

Flood control and water projects in the Yazoo Basin are funded in the amount of almost \$46 million. Other projects in the bill include \$363,000 to study the LeFleur Lakes Flood Control project in Hinds County and Rankin County and \$4 million for the

DeSoto County wastewater treatment project.

The bill contains \$6 million for the addition of Cat Island to the National Seashore. \$2.4 million for continued construction of the recreational lake in the Homochitto National Forest in Franklin County, and \$2.2 million to complete the purchase by the State of Mississippi of Deer Island on the Gulf Coast.

The bill provides grant funding for Mississippi education program, including over \$134 million for the State's Tide I program for disadvantaged students. Funding for a number of educational programs initiated by Senator Cochran include: \$27 million for STAR schools, \$23 million for Ready to Learn Television, and \$17 million for the National Writing Project, which funds 164 writing project sites nationwide, including eight located in Mississippi.

Funding for construction projects at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson include: \$3 million for the Guyton Building and \$4 million for the Biomedical Imaging Institute. The bill also contains \$1.2 million for the Delta Health Alliance and \$1.2 million for the Institute for Epidemiology at Jackson State University.

The bill provides funding for various job training programs including \$2.9 million for entrepreneurial

and job skill training at Alcorn State University, Mississippi State University and Mississippi Delta Community College.

Mississippi received over \$56 million for highways, bridges, airports, railways, and other transportation projects throughout the state including: \$7.75 million for the Pearl River Bridge Airport Connector project, \$5 million for improvements at the

I-55-I-20 interchange in Jackson, \$4.5 million for the I-20 interchange in Meridian, \$10 million for construction of additional lanes on I-55 in DeSoto County, and \$6 million for the I-69 corridor project.

Stennis Space Center, NASA's center for propulsion testing, will receive over \$4 million for upgrades to the test stands, and Stennis will receive \$2.7 million for a new visitors' center. The bill also contains funding for Mississippi initiatives under the Community Development Block Grant Program including \$900,000 million for renovation of historic buildings at Alcorn State University and \$900,000 to continue the Main Street Reconstruction project in Madison.

The Conference Report is expected to be approved by the House and Senate and signed by the President.

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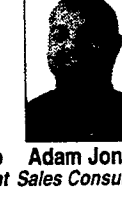
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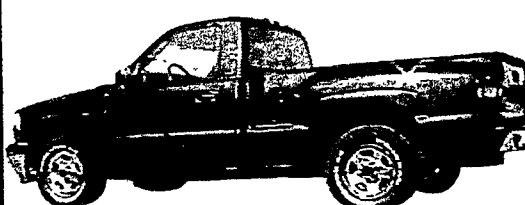


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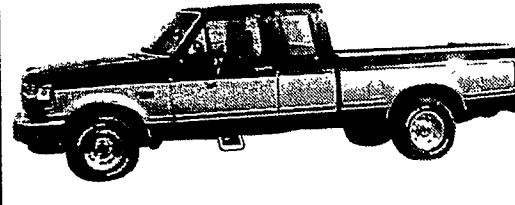
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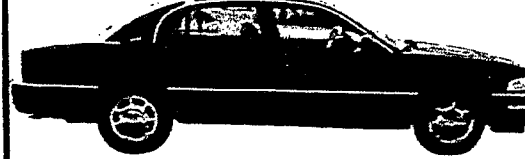
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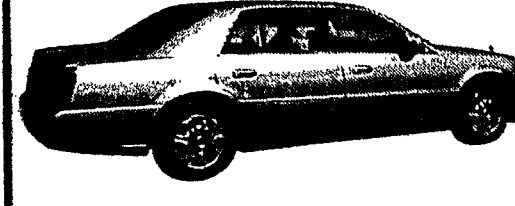
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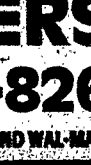
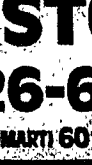
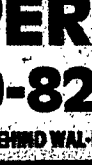
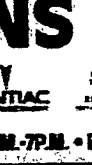
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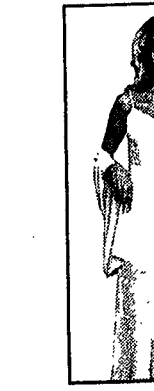
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Great Books group to meet at library

Noel Coward's 'Hands Across the Sea' topic of Feb. 19 meeting

"Hands Across the Sea" by Noel Coward will be the selection discussed at the next Great Books discussion group meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The group is currently studying the volume, "24 Favorite One Act Plays." The Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library has several copies available for check out.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990. Since that time, members have read more

than 345 titles and they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes,

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grounds and walks of life with the opportunity to read, discuss and learn from outstanding works of literature.

Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades kindergarten through 12.

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For more information, call Sheila Cork at 467-5282.

Great Books discussion group meeting

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Feathered friends to highlight story hour

"Feathered Friends" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 19.

"Little Chicks," "Big Adventure," "Quack & County," "Goose's Story" and "One Duck Stuck" are the books to be read. The children will make a pond scene.

Animals, Animals, Animals is the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library Feb. 20, at 10:30 a.m.

"Man Gave Names to All the Animals," "Giraffes Can't Dance" and "Monkey See Monkey Do" are the books to be

read during the program. Children will make a paperbag bear puppet.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

Democratic Executive Committee meets Feb. 17

The Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee will conduct its monthly business meeting Feb. 17 at the Bay St. Louis Library located at 312 Highway 90.

The meeting is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. Members and guests are invited to attend. Officers of the Committee should try to attend the meeting a half-hour earlier to review meeting agenda and attend to any business unrelated to the agenda.

The Fundraising Committee has formalized plans for the Fish Fry & Rally. This year's event will take place on March 14 at the Civic Center in Waveland from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost per fishplate is \$6 each and will include salad and a side dish. Beverages can be purchased on site at an additional cost. Take-out

plates will also be available upon request.

For tickets and information, contact Betty Tolar at 228-467-0350 or Tere Carlin at 228-586-1089.

Democratic candidates who have qualified for this year's election are encouraged to participate in this event as it will give them an opportunity to meet with the locals and county business leaders.

A second fundraiser will be a softball tournament, picnic, and rally and is scheduled for May 16 and 17. Further details on this event are pending.

This year a total of 142 poll workers will be needed to handle the upcoming elections. If you are interested to work the polls or become a certified poll worker, call the Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee at 228-467-0350.

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Ceremony set March 12 for NBE, BWM schools

On March 12, at 8:15 a.m., there will be a ceremony at the library at North Bay Elementary on Dunbar Avenue in Bay St. Louis.

This ceremony is the culmination activity of an interschool intradistrict cooperative activity between North Bay Elementary and Bay-Waveland Middle School.

The seventh grade pre-algebra students of Mrs.

Ocso, second graders of Ms. Arnold, kindergartners of Mrs. Bilbo, and eighth-grade Computer Discovery students of Mrs. Owen have collaborated on the writing, editing and publishing of books based upon kindergarten, second-grade, seventh-grade, and eighth-grade Benchmarks.

For more information, contact Joan Ocso at 463-0315.

St. Paul Seafood Festival meeting set Feb. 20 in Pass

The first organization meeting to discuss plans for the St. Paul Seafood Festival in Pass Christian will be held Feb. 20 at 6 p.m.

The meeting will be held in St. Paul's cafeteria. The festival will be held May 30-June 1. All are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting. For more information, call 228-452-7359.

TOPS Chapter 307 meets

TOPS MS 307, Bay St. Louis, met Feb. 12, in Triumphant Christian Church, 1807 Waveland Ave., Waveland.

Ten members were present.

Rhonda was the week's best loser with 5.75 pounds. Sherrie was top KOPS.

The coast area district meeting was Feb. 11 at Ms #281 Ocean Springs. For the

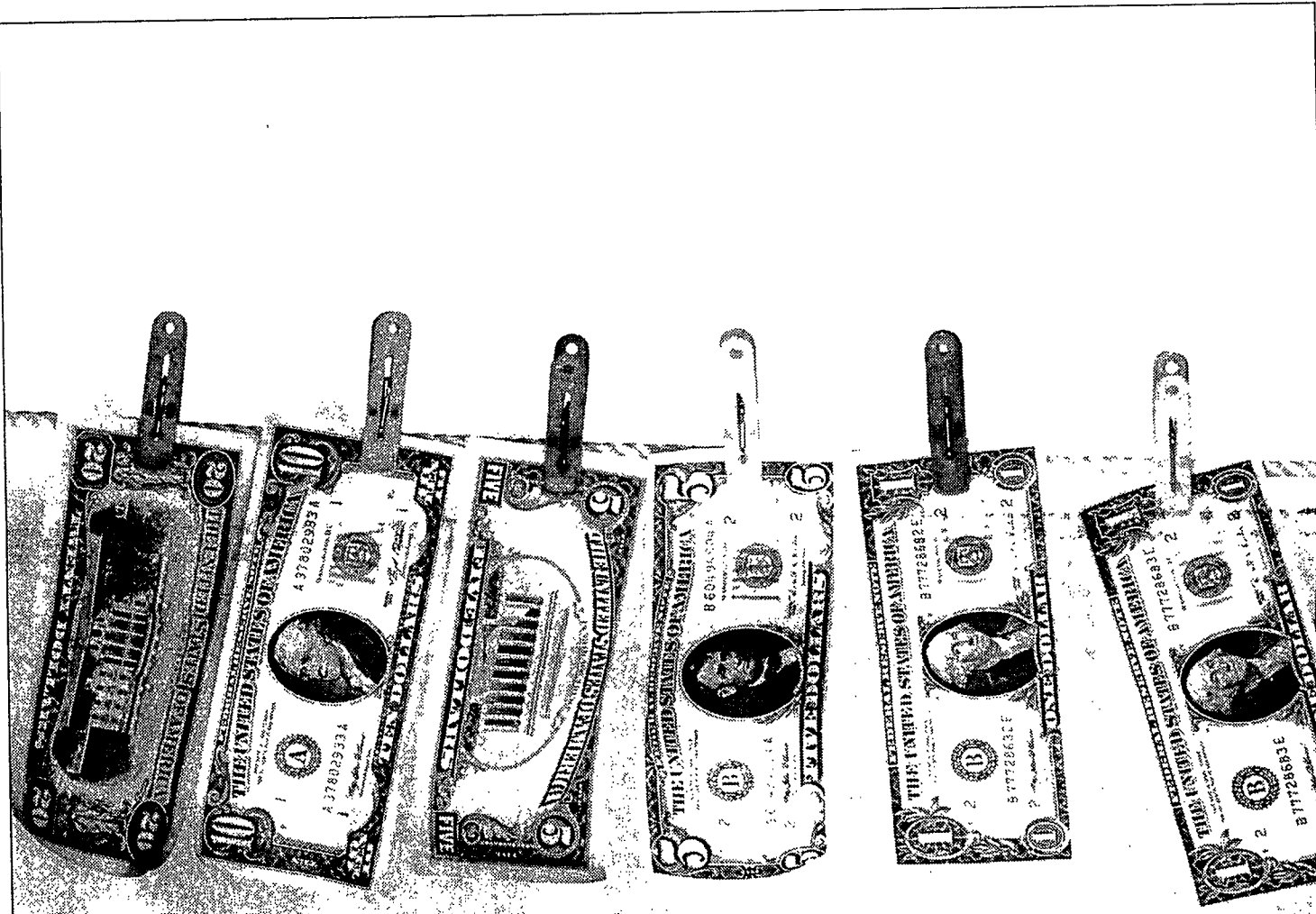
quarter Nov, Dec, and Jan Paula and Mabel tied for KOPS second place.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at Triumphant Christian Church, 1807 Waveland Ave., Waveland.

Weigh-ins are from 4-5:30 p.m., with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome. Call Sherri at 467-3798.

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Views -- Tides and Sand

water to high water and back in approximately a twenty-four hour period.

There is more to it than that.

There are certain times of the month when the tides are greater than at other times. This is because there is a lunar as well as a diurnal cycle. In an approximate thirty-day period, our tide can cycle from almost no change between low and high tide (neap tide), to over a three-foot change (spring tide) spring tide in this case having nothing to do with the season) and then back to almost no change.

Or to put it another way, each day's tide gradually evolves over a two-week period from a negligible change to an almost three foot change. Then over the following two weeks it slowly cycles back from that three foot maximum to almost no change.

Again, because of the shape of the sound, the times of spring and neap do not coincide nicely with the phase of the moon. That is, you will not find a spring tide at the time of the full moon, or a neap tide at the half moon. It's because of the shape of the bathtub we call the Mississippi Sound.

These tidal variations create serious problems that are important aside from creating shoal areas

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each month. They create tidal currents. In order for the water to raise (or lower) the daily heights of high and low water in an area, immense volumes of water have to be moved into (or out of) the area.

This is important because these currents can be quite strong at certain times of the month. It is mostly tidal currents (with the aide of heavy regional rains and river discharges in spring) that create and maintain the deep narrow channels in the mouths of the bays and bayou that feed the sound as well as the passes between the barrier islands offshore.

It takes time for these tidally-induce movements of

waters to progress around the sound. Hence the time of high tide (really the tidal current) off the Bay of St. Louis is different than it is off Biloxi.

There are a lot of interesting facets to all this that occur very close to us, like in the Pearl River and in the Rigolets.

Let's talk about the Rigolets with the understanding that the same can be said of the Pearl. The Rigolets, French for drain or channel, are aptly named in describing that waterway's purpose in relation to Lake Pontchartrain. The streams and bayous that feed into Lake Pontchartrain create an excess amount of water standing in the lake. The Rigolets act to drain away this excess.

During periods of west-setting tidal currents, most of this excess lake water is held back from flowing into the Rigolets as if by a poorly placed stopper. The action of the stoppage is especially strong during a spring tide. When the tidal current reverses, the stopper is in essence removed.

The resulting flow of both east-setting tidal current and excess lake water creates a combined current that pours through The

Rigolets with speeds that at times exceeds 4 knots. Evidence of how strong the flow can be is evidenced by the deep scouring of the Rigolets channel; in several places over seventy feet deep! Similar deep scouring can be found in the Pearl, in Chef Menteur, or on a smaller scale in all of the rivers and bayous that drain into the Mississippi Sound.

Having said all this, it should be stated that the strongest tidal currents can be overcome by strong local winds. Since the water is shallow, the force of the wind easily extends to the bottom and thus can push masses of water ahead of it as if by a broom.

During periods of exceptionally strong winds, the wind can pile the water in one end of the sound by sweeping water from the opposite end. During periods of strong northerly winds such as occur during our winter highs, it is not uncommon to see bays and bayous blown nearly clear of their water. At these times in the open sound, shoals can become nearly exposed no matter what the stage of the tide.

And because of this, we can walk out over a newly exposed bottom of the coastal edges of the Mississippi Sound and enjoy a winter's day.

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Chops -- he's tops

more than the art of dribbling a ball.

"It is complicated," says Williams. "Because all kids are not alike. But what I try to instill in a kid is being respectful, to teach them how to work hard. Sports made me what I am, and it teaches a kid how to be a good loser, a humble winner, how not to be a quitter, how to respect authority, how to work with a team, how to be a decent human being."

"I teach them don't be like anyone, be yourself and the best that you can be. It takes a lot of love and a lot of compassion, but it takes a firmness too. When Coach Chops says do something they know I mean it."

Williams doesn't shy away from troubled kids either. Troubled kids are begging for attention, he says. We sometimes don't see that plea until they get into trouble. When that happens, Williams tries to let the kids know that he is there for them and will help in any way he can. It's tough today, harder than when I was a kid, he says. But they have to get their life together and get the skills to make a living.

Williams speaks from experience. His own life could have gone in another direction. As a teen Williams had to drop out of school for two years to help support the family by working at the Bobby Ann Bakery. He gained his nick-

name back then too, and it stuck. The name came from the time he grabbed a meat cleaver at school during a fist fight. A coach at VCJ, Willie Bradley, encouraged Williams to return to school and to become active in sports.

"He was my hero," said Williams. "I watched how he dressed, how he cut his hair, how he acted. He showed me the value of education. He influenced my life so much and today I feel if I can just reach out and touch a kid's life, make a difference ... because I think where would I be if Willie Bradley had not come along when he did."

Williams takes pride in "his" kids' accomplishments, both large and small. Quite a few of the kids over the past 15 years have gone on to play basket ball for colleges he says. One girl in particular, Yashenna Ambrose, Williams remembers, started in the league when she was 6 or 7 and was sought after by many universities. Another, Cleveland "Tank" Williams, who plays for the Tennessee Titans, was one of Chops' kids.

In the summer, Williams helps friend Jonnie Favre coach a girls' team, which competes in the Slidell Church League. They have taken the championship several years in a row, Williams said.

Williams doesn't want to take all the credit for the

program's success, he said. Without the dedication of a core of volunteers I could never make it work. Volunteers coach and referee games, work concessions, collect money make and distribute fliers and countless other things.

At the end of each season, on April 27 this year, Williams hosts an awards banquet for all the kids. And not just a weenie roast. A sit down dinner where each child is presented with a trophy, a T-shirt, and other trinkets. More trophies are also presented to winning teams for best offense, best defense, most sportsman like, most improved, most valuable player and all around champions.

In years past the teams got the chance to travel to other areas to compete sometime, but that hasn't been possible lately. So every Saturday from 8 a.m. till 9 or 10 p.m. the VCJ gym is filled with the shouts of competition between teams in the program. This Saturday was no exception as Williams coached a game early in the day. Parents, friends, and other waiting teams shouted their support for their favorite team.

"My only regret is that I never got to be a coach," said Williams.

Of course Williams was speaking professionally. But sometimes our dreams come true in a little different way than we have them planned, maybe a better

way. And 15 years worth of kids in Williams' basketball program are sure to agree.

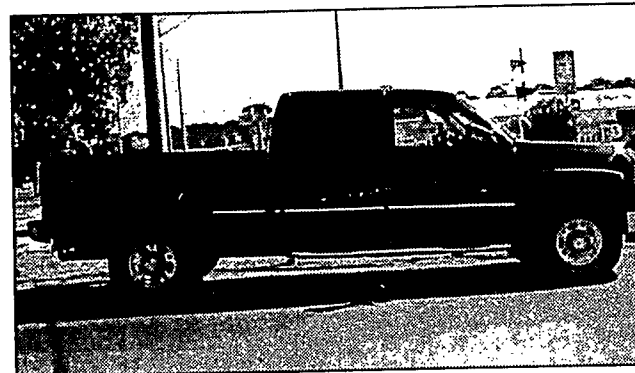
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A complete set of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Compton Engineering, P.A. at 3036 Longfellow Drive, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, telephone (228) 467-2770 by qualified and licensed contractors upon payment of \$75.00. The payment is non-refundable.

The Contractor shall be a qualified general contractor. The Contractor shall be a licensed contractor in the State of Mississippi. This project is funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant; therefore, all federal, state, and local regulations as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are applicable.

All prospective bidders are cautioned that, in order to be valid, bids must clearly show the Contractor's Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number both on the outside of the bid envelope as well as a part of the bid package itself.

The City reserves the right to waive any informalities and/or to reject any or all bids, as well as to postpone the award of any Contract for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the bid opening

City of Waveland

Pace -- livestock

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who take part in the 4-H and FFA livestock projects.

"Many businesses and people make financial donations to the scholarship program because they see the benefits for the youth involved," Chrestman said. "They learn responsibility and leadership skills, and they also learn a lot about life in general. They learn about winning and losing."

The Dixie National Sales Committee works all year to raise money and find supporters to fund the scholarship program. This year, 20 high school seniors and five premier exhibitors received \$1,000 scholarships during the sale.

"The recipients are exhibitors who did not qualify for the sale this year, but who have shown outstanding work in their livestock projects. The seniors will be able to use their money to attend the Mississippi col-

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tion or put it back into their livestock project," Chrestman said.



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THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is the state agency responsible for coordinating local, state, and federal resources to protect and prepare the public during disasters and emergencies. MEMA, working with all State and Federal agencies, has prepared plans for all types of emergencies. The plans include public awareness and education, training emergency personnel for response, and coordination of all resources to assist citizens in the recovery process.

"We understand that the citizens of our State are concerned about their safety and security during the increased threat level. Many times their concern is the result of inaccurate and incomplete information on the actions they should take. A well informed public can and will result in a better-prepared public," said MEMA Director Robert Latham.

"Regardless of the type of emergency there are steps every individual and their family should take to prepare."

Each family should develop and review a Family Disaster Plan for any type of emergency. The plan should include an evacuation plan, a communication plan, and a disaster supply kit.

1. Develop and review a family evacuation plan

Contact your local Emergency Management Director to learn of your community's emergency plan, location of shelters and hospitals, evacuation routes and emergency warning system. If an incident occurs, listen to local radio or television and follow the instructions of emergency officials. Evacuate immediately, if told to do so and lock your homes when you leave. Travel routes specified by local officials, taking your Family Disaster Supply Kit with you. You may be asked to "shelter-in-place" for a short period of time until emergency officials provide additional information. "Shelter-in-place" means to go indoors, seal one room (10 square feet per person for up to 5 hours), and close all outside doors and windows.

Turn off all window fans; dryers, kitchen and bath exhaust fans, air conditioners and other sources of outside air. If you are traveling in an automobile, close windows and air vents. Continue to monitor the media for further instructions.

2. Develop and review a family communications plan

This plan will give assurances that all are safe and enable you to make plans to get back together. Ask an

out-of-state friend or relative to serve as the family contact. After a disaster, it is often easier to call long distance, outside of the disaster area.

Make sure all family members know the name, address, and telephone numbers of the contact person.

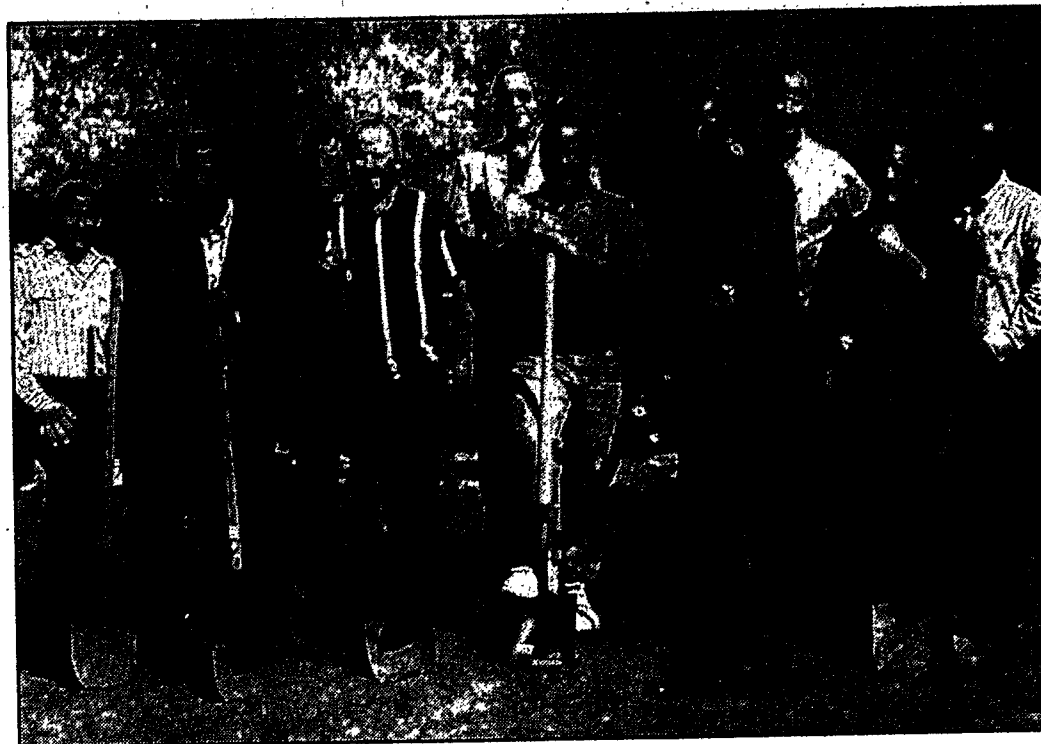
3. Develop and maintain a current family disaster supply kit

A disaster supply kit should consist of the materials your family would need to survive for 3 to 7 days without power. This is the same type of kit that should be in place to survive the aftermath of a tornado or hurricane.

The kit should include: non-perishable food; water (at least one gallon per person, per day); a first aid kit with prescription medicines; a battery powered radio; NOAA weather radio; flashlights with extra batteries; specialty items necessary for babies or elderly; pet care items; blankets & pillows; tape and plastic sheeting (for securing one room with 10 square feet per person for up to 5 hours); toiletries; vehicles with full fuel tanks and an amount of cash, in case banks or ATMs are not available.

Helpful web sites for more information: www.homesecurity.ms.gov, www.msdh.state.ms.us

Breaking New Ground



On February 2 Bayou Talla Fellowship Church in Kiln celebrated Ground-breaking for its new Youth Wing. The new addition will add more than 3000 square feet to the present facility and will be primarily used for youth and childrens activities. The General Contractor is Innovative Construction Co. of Pass Christian. Pictured are Building Comm. Members (front row L to R) John Moak, Chairman Perry Moran, Tony Soma, Shane Anderson, Innovative Const. Co. owner Roger Caplinger, Glen Dastugue, (back row) John Caplinger, Micah Necalse, Joe Bermond, Billy Smith, Nestor Torres.

Gallaghers celebrate 60th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gallagher of Waveland celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on February 18th. John and Evelyn were born in Hamilton Ontario,

Canada and were married Feb. 18, 1943 in Vancouver, British Columbia, while John was serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force. They have 3 children, Lynda

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Thank you, brave Columbia astronauts

Here is one more voice in an international chorus of kudos, cheers, thanks, admiration and love for our seven new stars in heaven who stepped from the shuttle Columbia into the Eternal Kingdom. On Saturday, February 1, they joined the seven brave astronauts of the shuttle Challenger who completed their earthly mission on January 28, 1986.



Reflections on Life
by Father Jerome LeDoux, SVD

Both crews were preceded gloriously into eternity by the first martyrs to our space odyssey who perished on the launch pad at the Kennedy Space Center during a simulation aboard an Apollo-Saturn rocket on January 27, 1967. A flash fire fed by the later diluted pure oxygen inside the sealed cabin killed Virgil Grissom, Edward White II and Robert Chaffee.

Of all the professions in the world, space travel has to rate right there near the very top in degree of risk to life and limb. In fact, it is so risky that there are those, whose voices have multiplied since the latest tragedy, who firmly maintain that most of our space explorations should be done by robots. It is safe to say that all of us can live with that premise with needed exceptions.

The fastest rifle bullet travels 5000 feet per second, which is roughly 4000 miles per hour. Imagine, then, the shuttle slamming in at 12,500 miles per hour 38 miles in the air, where even the slightest piece of almost any kind of space material or orbiting junk can impact the shuttle like a bullet, inflicting lethal damage if it strikes a sensitive part of the spacecraft.

All the risk and dangers notwithstanding, there are space missions which robots cannot perform, since on-the-spot human intervention is integral to the accurate execution of certain experiments.

These are the experiments for which our brave astronauts risk their lives, knowing that at three and more times the speed of a rifle bullet any rocket is very vulnerable and dangerous.

Many thanks for enabling scientists and inventors to apply your spacecraft onboard computers to cars, airplanes, home appliances, assorted tools and, above all, to medical instruments which monitor, measure, operate on and sustain our heart and other vital organs as they deteriorate with age and/or the ravages of trauma and various diseases.

We owe you special thanks for being such good role models in your chosen

profession that, even after the great space tragedies you have sustained, many young children are still telling their parents they want to be astronauts like you. For them and for us, you epitomize the deepest meaning of firm faith, great resolve, strong hope, hard work and determination.

Above all, thank you, brave Astronauts, for reminding us of the one Astronaut who never fails, who never crashes, who never suffers a setback in his program. This first and only true Astronaut ascended into the heavens from Mount Tabor in the Holy Land some 1970 years ago. His ascent was made without the aid of rockets or any other propulsion. (Mark 16:29.)

Why should the Creator of the laws of physics and of all the atomic and molecular foundations and forces of nature need mechanical propulsion to travel at any speed and to whatever destination he desires?

As the first and only Aquanaut, he had walked on water, had calmed raging winds and waves, and now he had taken to the air as no bird, plane or rocket ever can. Just as Astronauts William Anders, Frank Borman and James Lovell, Jr. aboard Apollo 8 did their spine-tingling reading of creation in the book of Genesis from their spectacular Christmas Eve orbit around the moon in 1968, so did our latter-day Astronauts make their own statement in death, succumbing bravely to dangerous forces they always knew could kill them.

In Psalm 8, the Royal Psalmist gives eloquent testimony of how beautiful and magnificent God made us, just a little less than the angels, crowning us with glory and honor and setting us over the beasts of the field, the birds of the air and the fishes of the seas.

Yes, the sky is the limit with our minds to reason, inquire, imagine, invent, explore and unravel the secrets of nature.

Yet, with all that we are reminded from time to time that we are limited beings forced by mishaps to remember, "My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:2), as confirmed by Paul: "Power is made perfect in weakness. I will rather boast of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me" (2 Corinthians 12:9.)

With due satisfaction, we human beings sit astride the pinnacle of creation, but through it all we must never forget who we are and Whose we are.

Scripture Says...

By Ed Young

And God made the beast of the earth after its kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good. (Gen.1:25)

God made animals for many different reasons. One of them apparently is for mankind to have as a pet. This gift from God has been such a joy to many a person.

The Lord brings together man and beast for a purpose. Noah brought the fowl

and beast into the ark, before the waters flooded the earth. The Lord ordered the Hebrews to bring the animals with them out of Egypt across the Red Sea. There seems as if there is a special relationship between man and beast.

For centuries animal lovers wonder when there pet dies, is it

all over with? Will God let me have my pet again in the hereafter? Is there life after death for pets?

Well, since it is a gift to a person and God knows that relationship

becomes deeper and deeper with man and his pet, why wouldn't God let that same relationship be enjoyed in the here after.

The Bible says "God will not with hold any good thing from those who love him."

When Jesus returns and sets up His Kingdom on earth there will be peace, no killing of animals, and animals will not kill one another.

The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. (Isa.1 1:6)

"And God made the beast of the earth after its kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good."

(Gen.1:25)

The "Word" for the Week God Control is self control

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The word discipline usually conjures up all sorts of negative thoughts. You think of staying after school, spanking the children, or getting chewed out by the boss! But why all the negativism?

Discipline can be positive. After all, it does take a lot of hard work, time and dedication to reach the goals we set for ourselves; and not everyone has the self-discipline to stick with them. We get discouraged when we stumble and fail to make the grade.

The Bible has something to say about this. Listen: "Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come" (1 Timothy 4:7-8).

This kind of discipline involves doing something over and over again until you get it right. I remember working for hours in col-

lege on certain calculus problems until I finally mastered the concepts involved. I also worked on certain exercises in the gym until I had mastered them.

In the same way we are to work on our lives until we have mastered the concepts of Christianity. It takes discipline! Not only so, it takes the power of God in your life, the power of God's Holy Spirit enabling you to follow God's desires, enabling you to live for Him. And such godliness holds promise for this life.

Following God can bring great personal blessing. And such godliness holds promise for the life to come. Yes, if you love and follow God, you have the promise of blessing in the life to come after you pass from this earth.

To hear more on the same topic call toll free for the "mini-message of the week" 1-800-777-0389 or visit www.w-e-m.org

St. Ann-St. John Church News

Fr. John Kelly, Pastor (228-467-4746)

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St. Ann Catholic Church, Lower Bay Road

Saturday vigil mass 4p.m.

Sunday masses: St. John Catholic Church,

Lakeshore Road, Mass at 8a.m. - St. Ann's-10:30a.m.

Weekday masses (St. Ann's)

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 8:30a.m. - Wed. 6:30p.m.

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1994 Honda Prelude
VIN: 1HJHMB2158RC002808
APPROX. VALUE
\$8,250.00
U.S. currency \$680.00

Said vehicle being subject to forfeiture under the provisions of §41-29-153(a)(4) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, having been used, or intended for use, to transport or to facilitate the transportation, sale, receipt, possession or concealment of controlled substances or property described in §41-29-153(a)(2) in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, and said money being subject to forfeiture under the provisions of §41-29-153(a)(5) and §41-29-153(a)(7) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, having been used, or intended for use in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law and having been found in those premises to be forfeitable controlled substances, to wit: Marijuana.

TO CONTEST THE FORFEITURE:
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Assistant District Attorney
Hancock County Justice Court Bldg.
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Dated this 3rd day of December, 2002.
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Bayou Jeweler & Watch Repair
FEB. BIRTHSTONE: AMETHYST
McLaurin & Hwy 90
(Next to McDonalds) 466-0425

CASE NO. W02-02431
FILE NO. HN-21-02

RICHARD BENTON
145 PHILLIP DRIVE
WAVELAND, MS. 39576

NOTICE OF INTENTION

TO FORFEIT SEIZED PROPERTY
You are hereby notified that on November 8, 2002 in Hancock County, Mississippi, the property listed and described below was seized by the Bay Waveland Narcotics Task Force pursuant to Miss Code Ann. §41-29-153(a)(2) in violation of the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, and the value of which does not exceed \$10,000.00.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY
VIN: 1FABP52JUG271032
APPROX. VALUE
\$1,577.00

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THE SEA COAST ECHO

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In Mississippi, lung cancer will claim the lives of an estimated 2,000 Mississippians this year, making the disease the leading cause of cancer death in the state. The American Cancer Society estimates that 157,200 lung cancer deaths will occur in the United States this year, more than any other type of cancer.

Breast cancer continues to be the most common cancer in women other than skin cancer with approximately 500 new cases expected in Mississippi this year. Prostate cancer is the most common cancer for men, excluding skin



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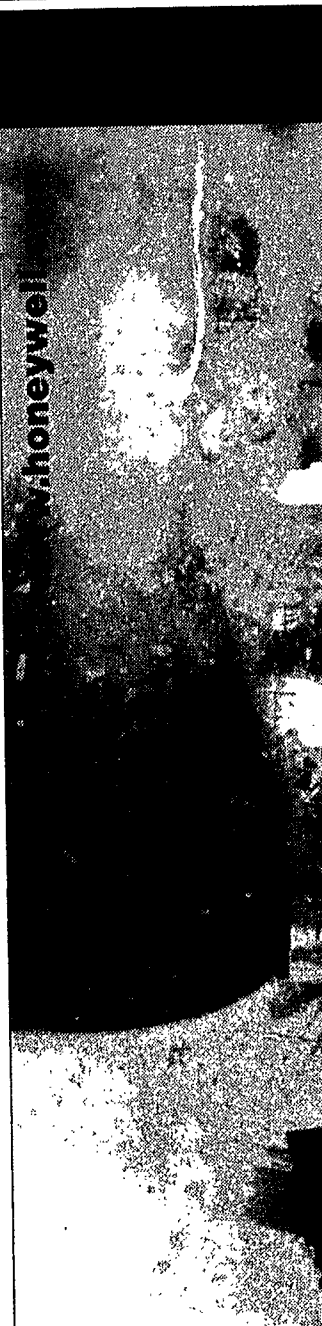
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NEW PRICE! Highway 90 at McLaurin! Great commercial location approx 780 ft from Hwy 603. If you are looking for a top location for a franchise, restaurant, etc. This is it! Call Helene \$635,000 MLS130714.

VIEW: to take your breathe away of the Gulf of Mexico! Price: to let you breathe! Corner lot with a million \$ view, oak trees included, 4/2 1/2 bedroom cottage. New carpet & ceramic. Lot is worth the list price, cottage is just a bonus. \$339,000 Call Geri 467-1947 MLS131701.

AREA 03
OLD TOWN BAY ST LOUIS! Previous restaurant & gourmet store, 216 Main Street Multi Uses! Possible live in and business combo. Great location! Vacant! \$219,000 call Harris MLS128145.

WONDERFUL LARGE FAMILY HOME in BSL! 6 BR / 3BA w/separate guest quarters. Could have 2 families. Newly carpeted, new heat pump. Formal dining room and much more. Call Jackie, great price \$164,500 MLS135658.

CALL TODAY! Well maintained home - in the heart of downtown Bay St. Louis. 3 bdrm 2 bath home with bonus room. Extra large fenced lot with pecan & pear trees. Only \$105,000 call Jackie 332-6364 to see MLS134336.

AREA 04
HWY 43 - just 5 1/2 miles from Hwy 603, 18.9 acres that could be subdivided into nine 2+ acre lots, Municipal water available. Call Helene \$125,000 MLS37404.

GREAT VALUE IN A 4BR/2BA home at \$104,900, over 2100 sq ft, 2 lots! Close to Port Bienville, Stennis in Oak Harbor subdivision. Go to adamteam.com or call 533-9929. MLS122857.

KILN, MS, ANTE BELLUM 11 1/2 years young, 4000 sq ft plus 1500 sq ft attic! Super fine on 15.6 acres with pond. Custom built 10' ceilings. All amenities! WOW! \$495,000 call Harris MLS136937.

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS 2BR/2BA mobile home close to shopping plus additional building that could be fixed up for guests, Nice trees, lots of possibilities \$24,900 ask for Edith 216-0142. MLS136665

AREA 05
A PLACE TO CALL HOME! Dutch colonial 4 bed 3 bath, formal & informal rooms + sunroom overlooking fenced yard on quiet cul de sac in Diamondhead. Call Nell offered at \$139,900 MLS134047.

147 Apa

SMALL STUD \$435/mo Incl 8324.

SPACIOUS w/loft, w/d, \$590/mo-\$599 to beaches/dk Now. 228-469

WATERFRONT Dining-room en-appliance large decks, \$600/month+

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2 BEDROOM FRONT, new \$450/month, water and sev

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2000 16X80 Lots 3BR/2 ready to m available, \$ town. \$42, (601)916-41

REPO: DO Lenders 985-727-304

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1 BEDROO Appliance \$450/mo., \$

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2BR/1BA, Casino. Ca 308 S. 2 Room dini yard, gara (504)341-9

3BR/2-FUL yard, clos pet/smoke \$750/depo

B.S.L. LAF Acheat, \$425/mo. 1BR/1BA Both Pet \$250/depo 466-9947.

BEACH W z, vaulted great ne Screened \$500/depo

BEAUTIFUL home in remodeled room, dini New cera carpet. A \$1,295/mo Elton 1-80

COMPLETE 2BR/1BA, office, go blocks fro \$550/mo

COTTAGE 141-1/2 M 467-7678.

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PASS Waterfront 452-4452.

147 Apartments For Rent

SMALL STUDIO APT. NEAR MAGIC \$435/mo includes utilities. 228-669-8324.

SPACIOUS 2BR APARTMENT w/lot, w/d, new carpet/paint. \$590/mo-\$590/dep. Walking distance to beaches/downtown BSL. Available Now. 228-469-0821.

WATERFRONT: 1500 SQ.FT. APT. Dining-room, 2 bedroom, new kitchen, appliances, new carpet/flooring, large decks, pet free, drug free, \$600/month+deposit. 467-6849.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH WATERFRONT, newly renovated, pet-free. \$450/month, \$400/deposit includes water and sewer. 1-985-649-0826.

2BR TRAILER FOR RENT, KILN Area. 255-5529.

2BR/1BA TRAILER FOR RENT IN Kiln, Pet/Free. 255-9397.

COUNTRY LIVING: NORTH HANCOCK County Caesar-Necaise Road. 2/bedroom, 1/bath, \$375/month. 3/bedroom, 2/bath, \$475/month. Deposit required. Over looking lake. 228-255-4067.

FOR RENT 2BD/1BA TRAILER in Clermont Harbor 5250 Bodge St. includes Washer/dryer, water, cable, sewer. \$440/month \$100/dep. 228-466-2953-H; 228-323-5379-C; 228-695-2041-P

FOR RENT: 3BR/2BA. CALL 467-7363.

FOR RENT: TRAILER HOMES & houses. 466-0315.

FURNISHED 2 BEDROOM Fenced yard bills paid, \$150/week, \$150/deposit 228-463-1872

TWO BEDROOM ONE BATH \$375/month, \$100/deposit. 228-760-2205.

149 Mobile Homes For Sale

12X60 MOBILE HOME, 3 LOTS, Well and grinder. 30,000. 466-4327.

14X70 MOBILE HOME 2BD/2BA covered front and back porches. Best offer. 601-749-9541, 601-273-1141

1974, 12X60 MOBILE HOME. Re-conditioned, stove, ref., some furniture inc. Must be moved from BSL property. \$8500. 601-264-1975.

1998 16X80 MOBILE HOME 4 LOTS, 3BR/2BA excellent condition. Ready to move in, owner financing available, great location, close to town. \$45,000 (228)255-0006 or (601)916-4189

2000 16X80 MOBILE HOME WITH 2 Lots 3BR/2BA excellent condition, ready to move in, owner financing available, great location, close to town. \$42,000 (228)255-0006 or (601)916-4189.

REPO: DOUBLEWIDE, LIKE NEW. Lenders must sell. \$25,000 985-727-3052

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1 BEDROOM COUNTRY COTTAGE: Appliances included, unfurnished, \$450/mo., \$450/dep. Call 255-6079.

2/3 BDRM HOME FRESHLY PAINTED, new appliances 1 block from beach. Cent'l h/w, corner lot. \$525 mo. Pet free. Key Properties 467-0600

2BR HOME W/DECK ON WATER Shoreline Park near I-10. Kitchen appliances, Cent'l A/C. W/D hookups. \$485/month with 1 month deposit. 467-4138

2BR/1BA HOUSE, Central air/heat, w/d hook-ups. Newly remodeled. Quiet neighborhood. Waveland. \$550/month plus deposit. 255-3518.

2BR/1BA, \$500/MONTH, close to Casino. Call 467-9278.

308 S. 2ND ST. 2/3BR LIVING Room dining, kitchen, utility, bath, yard, garage. Near beach. Pet/Free. (504)341-9504

3BR/2-FULL BATHS, FENCED yard, close to beach, all electric, pet/smoke free. \$750/month, \$750/deposit (352)394-4782.

B.S.L. LARGE 1BR/1BA COTTAGE: A/c/heat, appliances, hook ups, \$425/mo. \$375/dep. Also clean 1BR/1BA waterfront. Quiet location. Both Pet/smoke/free \$300/month, \$250/deposit. Sailfish Realty. 466-9947.

BEACH WALK, 3BR/2BA, W/Jacuzzi, vaulted pine ceilings, Cent. A/C, great neighborhood and street. Screened front porch. \$725/month. \$500/deposit. (228)467-0858.

BEAUTIFUL 2500 SQ. FT 4BR/3BA home in Diamondhead. Totally remodeled throughout. Formal living room, dining room, and great room. New ceramic tile flooring and new carpet. Across from golf course. Asking \$179,950 Call Elton 1-800-927-4593.

BY OWNER: GREAT LOCATION 4BR/2ba + 2 1/2baths. Sundeck, screened porch, Cent. A/H, carpet, spacious rooms. 2,360 sq ft. \$141,000. 467-5082

CUTE, CUTE, CUTE! Total Remodel! Everything new! 3BR/2BA near beach, Waveland. Large lot, quiet street. 410 West 4th. \$87,000. (985)863-3020.

DELISLE: HI & DRY 2BDRM 2BA home w/cent'l heat/air on 2.6 acres. close to I-10. \$56,900. Key Properties 467-0600

HOUSE FOR SALE 3BR/2BA newly remodeled on 1.5 acres. Must see. (228) 255-6937. Asking \$81,000

I WILL PAY TOP \$ FOR YOUR PROPERTY, any condition. Will pay all closing cost. Agents protected. O/A. (504)908-7653.

NO CREDIT CHECK \$800/MONTH Owner Financing, Acre Plus Pompano St., off St. Joseph, Waveland. New 3br/2bath, brick, fireplace, cathedral ceiling. Cost \$125,000, \$6,000/down. Gold Coast. 228-467-4479.

OWNER FINANCE 2BR/1BA FIXER-Upper w/most material to finish. 536 Demotulzin. \$37,000, \$2,000/down w/lot note \$400. Gold Coast 228-467-4479

WALK TO BEACH: 1 ACRE PLUS. 1br/1ba, new a/c, \$57,300. 120 Cedar Point Road off Dunbar. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

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VERY SPECIAL 3BDRM/2BATH home h/ ceilings, beaded board, cent'l heat/air L-shaped covered, porch, just outside city limits on 5 acres. \$600 mo. pet free. Key Properties. 467-6000

153 Real Estate Wanted

PROFESSIONAL COUPLE, N/S, looking for 2/3BR, unfurnished house on/near water in Waveland, BSL, or Diamondhead. 1/1-12years. Small/pet. (850)878-9523. e-mail: MCDERM1022@AOL.COM

156 Lots/Acreage

FOR SALE AT APPRAISED PRICE of \$19,992. Herley St. Bk 21 34-37 Waveland highlands. (601)928-2211 ask for Steve Arrington.

FOR SALE: 6 LOTS; 2 on Beverly, 2 on Clara. 50X100 + 2 on Cadillac Dr. 50X122. (504)393-1334 or 504-460-0015

OWNER FINANCE: NICE BUILDING LOT, Pine Ridge, Waveland, \$19,000. Gold Coast, 228-467-4479.

WHITE CYPRESS LAKES: OWNER financing. Beautiful acreage lots, waterfront, trailer lots, pool, clubhouse, tennis courts, and fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere exit. Thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790.

158 Commercial Property

2 COMMERCIAL LOTS FOR SALE: 100'x200' total, on Hwy. 603. \$43,900 for both. 467-9545 or 466-2505.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY: 415 Necaise, BSL, \$225/month. Call for info. 467-9278.

COMPLETELY REMODELED: 1200 sq. ft. office, on Hwy. 90, B.S.L. \$850/month. 467-5011.

HWY. 603 @ TIGRIS STREET. Commercial corner lot, cleared/ready to build. Includes income producing billboard. \$95,000. Call Sherry Powell, 228-467-0244, 228-671-9218. Coldwell Banker/Alfonson Realty, Inc.

OFFICE & RETAIL SPACE available: Chocutt Village, Waveland Ms. Phone 228-255-4396 or Pager 228-883-8554.

PRUDENTIAL GARDNER: Excellent office location, 1015 Hwy. 90, 2 units available. Close to Hancock Medical Center. Terms negotiable. Call for info/appointment. 467-1602.

159 Houses For Sale

3 BEDROOM RAISED HOME w/cent'l heat/air, lg rooms throughout, on partly fenced 100x100 grounds. \$57,500.00. Key Properties 467-0600

A MUST SEE! 313 ULMAN AVENUE B.S.L./Old Town. Residential/Commercial, C-2, 4br/2ba. 1 handicap & exterior ramp, 2 private back entrances, great room/others large & spacious. 9' beadboard ceiling/walls. \$125,000. Call Sherry Powell, 228-467-0244, 228-671-9218. Coldwell Banker/Alfonson Realty, Inc.

New! 1825 sq. ft. All Brick Home
on large lot, 3 bedroom
2 baths w/Garage,
fireplace, ceramic
tile and more.
\$92,600
705 Cedar St. Waveland
467-3601 Or 341-3601

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Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONOVAN CUEVAS, DECEASED
DONOVAN CARL CUEVAS, Petitioner
CAUSE NO. 2001-18
SUMMONS

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF DONOVAN CUEVAS, DECEASED, AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE ESTATE OF DONOVAN CUEVAS, DECEASED: YOU are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed in this Court by DONOVAN CARL CUEVAS, Executor.

The Petition filed against you has initiated a civil action seeking to have Donovan Carl Cuevas, Deceased, and any other person claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of Donovan Carl Cuevas, Deceased, as fully set out in the Petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, 35251.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 28th day of March, 2003, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Court Annex, 306 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

YOU are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of this Court on the 12 day of February, 2003. (Seal)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
BY: Erica Candebat D.C.
Dated: 02/16/2003

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA DELIA ROCHE, DECEASED
JOSEPH F. CLARK, JR., Executor
CAUSE NO. 2002-223
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rita Della Roche 28th day of March, 2003, in the courtroom of the Hancock County Court Annex, 306 Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

YOU are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of this Court on the 12 day of February, 2003. (Seal)

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY J. NECAISE, DECEASED
NEAL FAIRLEY NECAISE, JR., PETITIONER
CAUSE NO. 2002-611
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters of Testamentary having been granted on the 12 day of February 2003, by the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned, under the Estate of BETTY J. NECAISE, deceased, Cause No. 2002-611, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

NEAL FAIRLEY NECAISE, JR.
By: Olaf Lloyd, Deputy Clerk
Dated: 02/16/2003

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BETTY J. NECAISE, DECEASED
NEAL FAIRLEY NECAISE, JR., PETITIONER
CAUSE NO. 2002-611
SUMMONS

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF BETTY J. NECAISE, DECEASED, AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE ESTATE OF BETTY J. NECAISE, DECEASED: YOU are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed in this Court by NEAL FAIRLEY NECAISE, JR., Administrator.

The Petition filed against you has initiated a civil action seeking to have Betty J. NeCAise, Jr., Deceased, and any other person claiming any right, title or interest in and to the estate of Betty J. NeCAise, Jr., Deceased, as fully set out in the Petition on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, 35251.

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TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
BY: Erica Candebat D.C.
Dated: 02/16/2003

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICTOR J. LABAT
VICTOR J. LABAT, Plaintiff
VERSUS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LAND, BEING SITUATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS: TO-WIT: LOT 141, 2ND WARD CITY OF BAY ST. LOUIS, HANCOCK COUNTY MISSISSIPPI

CAUSE NO. 2002-864
SUMMONS
TO: SAMUEL J. SHEPPARD, if living, and if dead, his unknown heirs-at-law and devisees, whose last known place of residence is unknown. You have been made a Defendant in the action filed in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, by VICTOR J. LABAT, seeking CONFIRMATION OF TAX TITLE. Defendants other than you are the State of Mississippi and any other person claiming the real property described in the Complaint.

You are required to mail, or hand deliver, a copy of a written Answer, either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complaint, to MICHAEL D. HARRIS, Plaintiff, whose address is 201 NORTH SECOND STREET, BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2003, WHICH IS THE FIRST DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT MAILED, OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY, OR OTHER THINGS DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable amount of time after the date of the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court on this 6th day of February, 2003. (Seal)

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
P. O. Box 550
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520
By: Kim Bonano Deputy Clerk
02/09/2003; 02/16/2003

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR A SUBDIVISION IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, March 6, 2003, at 4:45 p.m. in the Zoning Office located at 1505 S. Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, to consider the application of Adams, LLC for approval of the preliminary plan for a 192 lot subdivision on the North side of Highway 90, between Highway 90 and Highway 14 West, bounded by Sugarfield Road on the West, Bayou La Croix on the North, West Twin Bayou on the East and State Highway 903 on the South. The lots which front on Highway 903 are zoned C-2 and the remaining lots are all zoned R-1.

Those interested in more information on the above matter may visit the Zoning Office or call (228) 467-4157 or (228) 466-4727 during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Willie Gannoy
Hancock County Building Official
02/16/03

Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
E. E. EDWARDS
VERSUS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN LOTS 12 AND 13, BAYSIDE PARK, A SUBDIVISION OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RESPONDENTS
CASE NO. 2003-103

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Secretary of State c/o Mike Moore, Attorney General, State of Mississippi and All Persons Having or Claiming a Legal or Equitable Interest in the Property Described Above

This is a suit by E. E. Edwards to confirm his title in that certain property described above, and as more fully set out in the Complaint for Confirmation of Title which is on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi in the above cause number. If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Confirm Title within thirty (30) days from the 16th day of February, 2003 which is the date of first publication of this summons to the attorney for the Plaintiffs, Kelly Michael Rayburn, Esq., whose address is Post Office Box 2566, Gulfport, Mississippi 39505. OTHERWISE, IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A RESPONSE, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after the date of the first publication of this notice. The address of the Clerk of this Court is P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Larnell Scarborough
Deputy Clerk
02/16/2003; 03/02/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
E. E. EDWARDS
VERSUS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SECRETARY OF STATE, MISSISSIPPI REALTY TAX FINANCING CO., AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN LOTS 2, 40, 43, 48, 58, 59, 72, 74, QUAL RIDGE ESTATES, PHASE 1; AND LOT 10, QUAL RIDGE ESTATES, PHASE 2
SUBDIVISION OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RESPONDENTS
CASE NO. 2003-104

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Secretary of State c/o Mike Moore, Attorney General, State of Mississippi and All Persons Having or Claiming a Legal or Equitable Interest in the Property Described Above

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02/16/2003; 03/02/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
E. E. EDWARDS
VERSUS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN LOTS 8 AND 14, CYPRESS POINT, PHASE 1, AND LOT 15, CYPRESS POINT, PHASE 2
SUBDIVISION OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RESPONDENTS
CASE NO. 2003-105

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Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Larnell Scarborough
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02/16/2003; 03/02/03

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
KENNETH I. MAY
PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
LANETTE R. MAY
DEFENDANT
NO. 2003-16

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN LOTS 8 AND 14, CYPRESS POINT, PHASE 1, AND LOT 15, CYPRESS POINT, PHASE 2
SUBDIVISION OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RESPONDENTS
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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: Secretary of State c/o Mike Moore, Attorney General, State of Mississippi and All Persons Having or Claiming a Legal or Equitable Interest in the Property Described Above

This is a suit by E. E. Edwards to confirm his title in that certain property described above, and as more fully set out in the Complaint for Confirmation of Title which is on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi in the above cause number. If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Confirm Title within thirty (30) days from the 16th day of February, 2003 which is the date of first publication of this summons to the attorney for the Plaintiffs, Kelly Michael Rayburn, Esq., whose address is Post Office Box 2566, Gulfport, Mississippi 39505. OTHERWISE, IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A RESPONSE, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMAND IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time after the date of the first publication of this notice. The address of the Clerk of this Court is P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, Chancery Clerk
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Larnell Scarborough
Deputy Clerk
02/16/2003; 03/02/03

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
AUDREY YOUNG HARRIS
PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
THE HEIRS AT LAW OF BEDFORD YOUNG AKA, BEDFORD YOUNG, JR., DECEASED, ET AL
DEFENDANT
NO. 2003-86

RULE 81 SUMMONS (Summons By Publication)
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, SECRETARY OF STATE, AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING A LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN LOTS 8 AND 14, CYPRESS POINT, PHASE 1, AND LOT 15, CYPRESS POINT, PHASE 2
SUBDIVISION OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
RESPONDENTS
CASE NO. 2003-105

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TO: Secretary of State c/o Mike Moore, Attorney General,

Entertainment

Mel, Pam Tillis to perform at Casino Magic BSL March 7-9

EXTRA SPECIAL

Mel Tillis and daughter Pam Tillis will bring their multi-platinum, Country Music Hall of Fame talents together to Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8 at 9 p.m. each evening.

Tickets are \$29.95, \$34.95 and \$39.95 and available at Casino Magic Box Office or at any Ticketmaster location.

Although each is usually a solo act, Mel and Pam Tillis have joined forces to share the stage, bringing nearly 50 years of country music and two generations together. Country music great, Mel Tillis, started his 47-year performing career in the early 1950's with a group called the Westerners while serving as a baker in the United States Air Force, stationed in Okinawa, Japan. In 1956, Webb Pierce's recording of Mel's song "I'm Tired," launched his musical career.

In 1976, Mel was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters International Hall of Fame, and that same year was named the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year. Mel's songs have been recorded by such artists as Brenda Lee, Charley Pride and Ricky Skaggs, The Oak Ridge Boys, George Strait, and Kenny Rogers' version of "Ruby, Don't Take Your Love to Town."



Mel & Pam Tillis

Mel has appeared in more than a dozen feature films including "Every Which Way but Loose" with Clint Eastwood, "Cannonball Run" I and II, and "Smokey and the Bandit II" with Burt Reynolds, and the lead with Roy Clark in "Uphill All the Way."

For Mel's oldest daughter Pam, her project entitled "It's All Relative, Tillis Sings Tillis," says as much about her own successes and status in country music as it does about her famous father. She selected an eclectic range of talent to complete her tribute album to her

father, including Dolly Parton, Emmylou Harris, Marty Stuart, Rhonda Vincent, Trisha Yearwood, The Jordanaires, Delbert McClinton and Asleep At The Wheel's Ray Benson. Pam's siblings and a few of Mel's grandchildren also get a chance to pay honor to Mel by singing on "Come On And Sing."

Pam's musical talent has simply always existed -- like the seeds of the song ideas that Mel says were just there. After a childhood surrounded with music, Pam left college in Knoxville and moved to California settling for a time in

Sausalito where she was a jazz singer. However, Pam saw little success from that time including on her first major label contract, so at the advice of her family and friends, she moved back to Nashville and started anew in 1979. During the next decade as a songwriter, she began seeing the fruits of her hard work with cuts by Chaka Khan, Highway 101, Conway Twitty and others. The Nashville community embraced her and her name was now synonymous with talent instead of "Tillis." Tim DuBois recognized this also and signed her to Arista Records in 1989 for what would become a long-standing and successful relationship.

Her first Arista album debuted in 1990 entitled "Put Yourself In My Place," and resulted in her first number one hit; "Don't Tell Me What To Do," which became an anthem of sorts for Pam. In the years that followed, Pam earned the CMA Horizon Award, Female Vocalist of the Year, video of the year and a Grammy along the way. Five out of seven of her albums have certified either gold or platinum and produced six number one hits and 14 Top fives.

Don't miss Mel and Pam Tillis together at Casino Magic Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8. Must be 21.

Media Night

Center Stage (240 Eisenhower Drive in Biloxi) will present Media Night Feb. 22 at 8 p.m.

Stars in the local media will perform for this mini-fundraiser. A homemade chili dinner will be served at \$5 per person. Tickets for the show are \$7 per person.

Talent for the night will include Karen Abernathy, Rebecca Powers, A.J. Giardina (host), Steve Phillips, Jimmy McIntyre, John Armstrong, Mike Lacy, the True Worshipers and Dan Saah.

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BSLLT auditioning for 'Noises Off' Feb. 21-22

BY SHANNON JENKINS Staff Writer

Auditions for Bay St. Louis Little Theatre's upcoming production of "Noises Off" have been scheduled for Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m. at 301 Boardman Ave.

Performers will be asked for a cold reading from the script. Five male roles and four female roles are available. All roles are for adults, but high school aged actors are welcome to audition if they appear to be older.

Theresa Scardino will direct Michael Frayn's play about a show called "Nothing On," which goes terribly wrong. "When I first saw 'Noises Off' on TV, I laughed throughout the whole show," the Long Beach resident said. "I don't think I ever saw a show that made me laugh so much."

Scardino said she believes this "fascinating portrayal of theater" is so appealing because it

flirts with the disastrous complications that sometimes arise on the stage.

"The one thing that makes this show so funny is that this can really happen," she said. "It's very reality based."

And, this 25-year-old thespian should know; she's been involved in

thing from here extensive theater career, it's that the actors are responsible for the smoothness of the show.

"When things do mess up, it's up to the actor to fix it," she said.

In "Noises Off," Michael Frayn has certainly messed up as much as he can for his characters to fix. The characters already have to deal with being stressed out and running on little sleep.

Frayn, however, adds in personal conflicts within the troupe. There's the jealous actress with some harmful intent for her fellow These are just two of the colorful characters planned to grace the stage at Bay St. Louis Little Theatre May 9-11 and 16-17.

For more information, contact Scardino at 228-365-7987 or call the theater at 228-467-2587 or visit www.bsllt.com.

Auditions for "Noises Off"

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, 301 Boardman Ave.

- Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 22 at 4:30 p.m.
- Roles for five males and four females
- No need to prepare; reading from script
- Production dates are May 9-11 and 16-17
- Call 228-467-2587 or visit www.bsllt.com

almost every aspect of theater since she began performing at the age of 8 in her hometown of Columbia. She has done make-up, lighting and backstage work. She's played the lead, and she's served in the background. If she has learned any-



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